

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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NC opens Jan. 2, or will lose \$12,000

If Niagara College doesn't open on Jan. 2 it will lose \$12,000 in revenue, Jacqueline Roberts, college president, said.

"We are obliged to conduct classes that day," she said. Because Jan. 2 falls on a Friday, the adult training program students have to be in class that day for the college to be paid.

"The college is funded by the government on the basis of student enrollment that day," George Blazetich, chairman of academic studies division, said. He said everyone, including Miss Roberts, and except those who take vacation days will be in.

Miss Roberts said a few colleges have decided to close and will lose money but Niagara will open for the one day because "we have tight finances right now."

It will cost the college less than \$2,000 in operating expenses to open for the one day, Miss Roberts said.

Raises \$80 for Italian earthquake

English instructor Helen Slade has raised \$80 for victims of the devastating earthquake in Italy. It may not seem like much, but she did it in only 20 minutes.

Mrs. Slade was on her way to school Nov. 28, listening "to a telethon on CHSC" radio station. She decided to donate a few dollars.

Twenty minutes before her classes she rushed about the staff offices in Simcoe Building asking her colleagues for donations. The enthusiastic response surprised her.

"It sure was profitable," she said.

"Maybe SAC (Student Administrative Council) could get in on the act and raise some money in the whole school."



Courtesy of SAC

Nancy Twerdohlib, Tom Mather, Lori Smith and Al Chonka relax after decorating the Christmas tree that adorns the library.
(Photo by Clark)

College Christmas bash Dec. 17

Niagara College is having a Christmas Bash on Dec. 17 at the Red Lion, Welland, Alan Chonka, vice-president of internal affairs, said.

At the Student Administrative Council (SAC) general meeting, Dec. 9, Al said the bash will last from 1 p.m. to 6

p.m. For those wanting to eat lunch, the Red Lion will open at 11:30 a.m. Recorded music will be played for the party.

Because of a problem last year with a student who was assaulted by an outsider and lost the sight of one eye, the bash will be limited strictly to

college students, Tom Mather SAC president, said. A court case is still pending because of the incident at the Year End Bash.

Doormen will ask for student identification cards and where applicable, proof of age.

84% against compulsory student fees

Eighty-four per cent of Niagara College students are against the compulsory \$40 Student Administrative Council (SAC) fee, according to a survey taken.

Patrician Bilous, library technician student, took the survey independently after raising her objections at the SAC general meeting Nov. 11. She said she did not think it was fair for the fee to be compulsory.

SAC members argued that the money was needed to sponsor activities. The fee is a ruling of the ministry of education and must be included in registration fees. Individual colleges decide on the amount of the fee.

The first report on the survey results said students were in favor of SAC fees; however when the completed results came in, the opinion changed.

Of the 478 applied arts students surveyed, 79 per cent said they were not aware the fees were compulsory and five per cent of these people were informed after registering.

Seventy-seven per cent of the students said they would not buy a SAC card if it was not compulsory; however 64 per cent said they used SAC services.

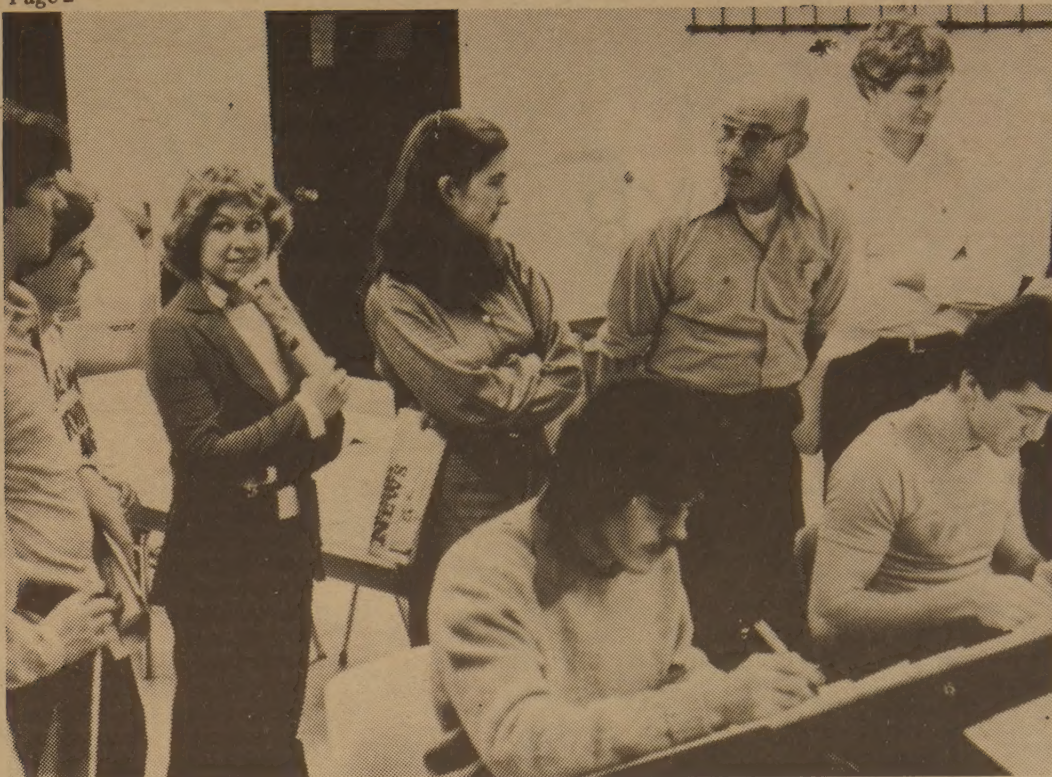
The survey questioned students about the quality of SAC services and the results showed 67 per cent said they were adequate, 12 per cent said excellent and 21 per cent said they were poor quality.

Video games to be installed

Four video game machines will be installed on the main campus in an alcove behind the Hamilton Room, Tom Mather, president of the Student Administrative Council (SAC), told a SAC meeting Dec. 9.

The machines will be given to the college by the company which owns them.

A 50-50 profit-sharing between the company and SAC entitles the college to have the machines free of charge. Any damages, however, must be paid by the college, Tom said.



Budding journalists learn how

Interested in producing their own newspaper in 1981, about a dozen Notre Dame College High School students visited the Niagara News room to see how the News is put together. Austin Jelbert, program co-ordinator, tells them about page

paste-up as second year students demonstrate how it is done. The group remained at the college for about an hour-and-a-half.

(Photo by Claveau)

President hails Grapevine

College statistics, recipes, pictures of new staff members and obituaries are some of the articles included in the information newsletter, Niagara's Grapevine.

vine, put out by the special projects office.

The 12-page paper "will cater to satellite campuses and staff," Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said. "It is geared to the

staff, members of parliament and the ministry of colleges and universities."

Miss Robarts said the newsletter will come out three times a year. "There will be one more at

the end of January and one before the end of school." The first issue, which was planned to come out in October, came off the presses on Dec. 4. "We have had problems with it," Miss Robarts said. The paper went through three printings.

NO COMPETITION

"We want to stress that this is not in competition with the Niagara News," Miss Robarts said. "It is an information vehicle for the college and a public relations vehicle for the community. We will try to do a number of things for information for the staff."

"We want to highlight a teacher or student each time," Miss Robarts said. Representatives from each school and branch of the college may get in touch with Dr. Nora McCardell, Bea Ferguson or John Muto with information for the Grapevine.

parts of the world will gain an advantage, Mr. Grossman said.

"Every single industry will be impacted by this new technology."

The expanding micro-electronics and bio-technology industries will require workers to retrain, perhaps, every five years just to keep on top of advancements and changing markets, he said.

Moreover, students entering the job market of the '80s can expect to be changing jobs more often and spending more time in retraining programs, he said.

Employees must now approach the workplace with an entrepreneurial spirit and be prepared to be flexible and adaptable as industry evolves, he said.

Mr. Grossman said that, by-and-large, the educational system has done a good job of preparing students for the workplace. Now, however, students must be encouraged not only to do a good job, but also to be enterprising and innovative, as owners and managers, in creating future enterprises, he said.

Limited ceremonies for festival opening

By DIANE CLAVEAU
Staff Writer

There will be no opening ceremonies for the Celebrate Canada Festival this year, Gail Hilyer, festival convener, said at a meeting of the festival programming committee.

There may, however, be recognition of the beginning of the festival at about 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, by a short flag-raising ceremony and a marching band parading through the halls as was done last year.

Ms. Hilyer said the program ideas passed at the meeting will be put onto a tentative program so it can be compared with the budget to see how they will fit together.

Some of the ideas approved in principle by the committee and which are subject to approval by the Board of Governors are: a bridge tournament in the cafeteria, an arts and crafts show at both the main campus and Welland Vale, possible television coverage and/or taping of various aspects of the festival for cable television, an antique identification program, and the multicultural evening held last year will be held again under the name of Canadiana evening.

POET TO COME

Canadian poet, P.K. Page, will speak to students. Ethnic foods booths may be back again this year in the Educational Resource Technician area. This will run over the lunch hour and perhaps the supper hour, depending on

the people operating it.

Another idea tentatively set for the program is to have area high schools and choirs at regular intervals during Thursday, Feb. 12. A letter will be sent to the secondary schools informing them of the date and times available.

Ms. Hilyer said she has met with most of the deans and "I have received a positive response to those meetings." There are time and space allotments for each school for a contribution to the festival. Ms. Hilyer said she also got a positive response from the Ontario Arts Council in Toronto but needs a definite program to show for possible supporting funds.

NEEDS APPROVAL

Commitments to the programs decided on at the meeting "are pending budget approvals." She said she will draft the program to submit to Jacqueline Robarts, college president.

Ms. Hilyer urged committee members to have their projected costs in as soon as possible. She said she has to have costs attached to the performances before they go in to the program. "We cannot run at a deficit," she said.

A lottery licence has been obtained for raffling the rug hooked by Miss Robarts and the wall hanging by Hans van der Slagt, dean of business. These have been donated to the festival to help raise money.

Students must adapt in changing market

By MICHAEL ROBB
Staff Writer

Canada is entering an "era of constant retraining and adaptation" to a changing job market, Larry Grossman, minister of industry and tourism, told the Niagara area chamber of commerce and the school counsellors association.

The necessary technological skills required for the '80s will be very hard to predict, he told the groups at Niagara College Nov. 14.

"Our challenge is to make sure we don't train our young people in single modes."

Mr. Grossman cited the automobile industry as a good example of an industry not adapting to change.

"Everyone saw this coming. And, as a result, the automakers are going through a difficult time — more so than was necessary."

For every month Canadian industry fails to adapt to new technology, competitors in other

French exchange program deadline on Jan. 31

Staff and students interested in the French exchange program must have their applications in by Jan. 31, Nicole Vigeant, administrator of the French Language program, said.

Applications may be picked up in S210, and must be submitted directly to Ms. Vigeant in her office.

For students or staff who are not bi-lingual, there is a six-week French immersion course this summer on the French islands of St. Pierre et Miquelon, off the coast of Newfoundland.

"Immersion makes life a lot easier when they start studying

a subject in French," Ms. Vigeant said.

The exchange program is valuable for teachers for professional development purposes, she said.

The program usually lasts one term, all expenses are paid, and the student gets credit for courses they study in Quebec, she said.

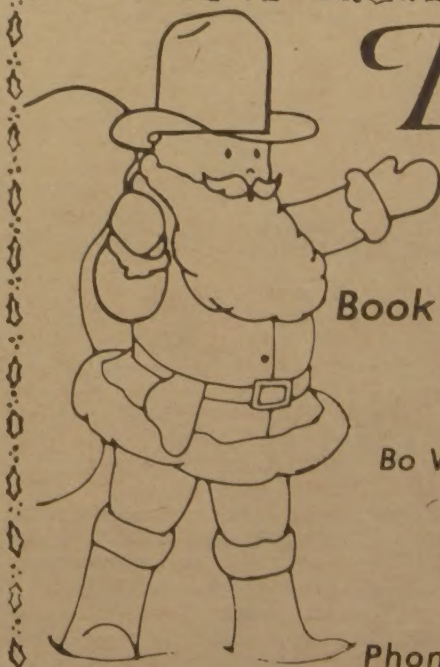
"Exchange makes the French and the English more aware of each other, and allows for cultur-

al exchange," Ms. Vigeant said. "It is also an opportunity to pick up the language."

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FRANK CICCARELLI

Covering Canada for IEEE students

By DOROTHY CLARK
Staff Writer

Representing all Canada will be quite a task for Frank Ciccarelli who was chosen to be the chairman of student activities committee for the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE).

Mr. Ciccarelli, 45, is chairman of the chemical, electrical and electronics division of Niagara College. He came to the college in 1968 as a supervisor of electronics.

Mr. Ciccarelli's main purpose is to "ensure that student branches remain healthy and active." He is enthusiastic about his new position. "I like to work with students."

"Professional engineering has been good to me," he said, and he wants to put something back into it.

Covering such a wide area will be difficult. There are 38 student branches across Canada with about 3,000 members. With the help of a vice-chairman, Mr. Ciccarelli hopes to improve on communication which has had problems in the past.

FOR REGION

He was nominated for the position by the outgoing chairman, and the IEEE branch at Niagara College. His name was then approved by the senior chapter director of Region 7 (Canada).

A lot of travelling will be involved in his new position. An

annual meeting is held, workshops for student representatives are organized, and international meetings in the United States. His expenses are paid by IEEE.

Mr. Ciccarelli's latest hobby, photography, will suffer somewhat but, he said, perhaps he will have time this summer. As for his family Mr. Ciccarelli said his wife is "very co-operative, and goes along with his plans."

The two-year position begins Jan. 1, 1981, but, to do an adequate job, he said he must start investigating and organizing now.

IEEE provides student members with a professional awareness and identity with their field of study. It offers the "opportunity to be a part of the direction of their own profession."

Mr. Ciccarelli said he was "impressed to find Region 7 allocates 20 per cent of their budget to student activities." The senior branches have a high regard for the students and always make sure they have sufficient funds.

The latest developments in technical information are reported in magazines which all members receive. This helps keep people aware and up to date in the field, he said.

Mr. Ciccarelli was Niagara College's IEEE student adviser last year. He has just completed a term as secretary for Region 7.

Industrial demands increase

To meet industrial demands for manufacturing engineers, the learning possibilities in education, especially in continuing education, will have to be increased, said the manager of manufacturing education for the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME).

Mark Stratton, addressing area industrial executives and members of SME at a meeting at Niagara College, said there was an industrial trend towards newly graduated engineers with little industrial experience but capable of adapting quickly to the demands and changes of the job.

He said the continuing education starts when the graduate leaves the post-secondary level of education and that a degree will not be as important as the student's quality of work and personal advancement as a knowledgeable engineer.

THAT'S IT

"That's the purpose of SME," he said. "To be an operating institution for the advancement of scientific knowledge in the field of manufacturing."

SME sponsors a continuing certification program in which the manufacturing engineer will have to achieve learning credits over a given period of time to stay certified, therefore keeping up with the constant changes in the field, Mr. Stratton said.

The trend towards computer-integrated manufacturing, automation and robotics has created special educational needs making continuing education a life-long process, he said.

Mr. Stratton said SME has started a Manufacturing Engineers Education Foundation with the goal of making high school students aware of the possibilities in manufacturing and "get them to take more math and sciences, which are certainly a prerequisite."

He said the foundation would also be able to provide grants for students wanting to study manufacturing engineering at the post-secondary level.

Promoting the skill is important since the reduction in the birth rate will mean there will be less students to fill the already large number of demands for manufacturing engineers, he said.

owed to return after a two-year absence. Mrs. Lancaster said she did not think she would return to the board because "there are a lot of excellent people for the board and the strength of the board is in searching out these people."

Mrs. Lancaster said she will be back at the college. She is booked for an open line television show at the college on consumer affairs near the end of February with Willard Wright, human relations instructor. Mrs. Lancaster said she has been the host on a hotline on consumer affairs on CHSC and CKTB.

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Lancaster denies patronage charge

Eleanor Lancaster has called an accusation by New Democrat Ed Ziemba that she was appointed vice-chairman of the Environmental Assessment Board because she was a supporter of the Ontario Conservative party "a lot of nonsense."

"It was apolitical," she said. "There was nothing political about it."

Mrs. Lancaster termed it "unfortunate" that a member can get up in the House and say something like that "and no one can get at the member."

"I am disgusted that during six months of silence, he didn't do his research," Mrs. Lancaster said.

In his first speech in the Ontario legislature in six months Dec. 8, Mr. Ziemba made sweeping accusations of provincial government patronage. He had been denied the right to

speak in the legislature by speaker Jack Stokes for saying that two Conservative MPPs had bought their seats.

Mrs. Lancaster, retiring as chairman of the Board of Governors, said she was appointed to the Environmental Assessment Board in 1972 and "at the time I wasn't even a card-carrying member of the Conservatives" although she has always supported their policies.

"He had really no idea whether I was Liberal, NDP, Communist or Marxist. He would have no idea unless he made inquiries and I'm not aware that he did."

She ran for the Conservatives in St. Catharines in the 1977 federal election "a long time after" she was appointed.

"He'd better just research his facts a little better," she said of Mr. Ziemba. "I think he's an angry man."

Use of SAC funds causes confusion

Confusion over the use of surplus funds by previous Student Administrative Councils has led to questions as to why this year's SAC had to pay nearly \$12,000 in unpaid bills.

"It is a problem mainly because of the start of a new student council within the school year," Doris Brooks, college budget officer, said.

Tom Mather, SAC president, told a general meeting Nov. 20 there should be some way for councils to take unpaid bills out of the previous year's surplus. He was explaining that the SAC budget had been revised for the third time because the council had to pay about \$12,000 in unpaid bills from last year's SAC.

Mrs. Brooks said it is not the case that SAC may declare a surplus before outstanding bills are paid. Any expenses incurred before the end of the fiscal year, March 31, are set up as accounts payable and charged to the previous year's council.

The problem arises with the "interim period" — the time of take-over between two councils in April when the school year is coming to a close, she said.

"It would be better if the new student council didn't take over until September, or if the auditors changed the ending date of the fiscal year, but I know that is impossible," she said. "It has to

coincide with the college fiscal year."

SUPERVISES BUDGET

Mrs. Brooks supervises SAC budgeting. "We don't tell them how to spend their money, but help them to keep proper records so that they get a qualified audit at the end of the year," she said.

Mrs. Brooks said the new council may inherit plans from the previous executive but is under no obligation to follow them. If SAC does so, it is fair that it accept responsibility for expenses.

Tom said the \$12,000 included \$770 for damages from the Year End Bash, increased legal fees and \$5,500 for last year's year-book.

Mrs. Brooks said SAC should not count yearbooks as an expense because the cost is passed to the next council each year. This year's costs will go on next year's budget.

Any SAC surplus at the end of the fiscal year is put into the college trust fund.

Last year's Year End Bash was set up by last year's council and run by this year's; the \$770 bill had to be paid by this year's SAC.

"SAC is really trying hard to please everybody," Mrs. Brooks said. "They have many good ideas."

Chairman of board retires

Eleanor Lancaster is retiring from the Board of Governors after eight years, 2½ of which she served as chairman.

Mrs. Lancaster, the appointee to the board from St. Catharines, became chairman in 1978 after the deaths of George Hamilton, who died less than a month after becoming chairman, and Dr. L.S.C. Sturgeon, who died of lung cancer after 4½ months as chairman. Mrs. Lancaster will serve as chairman until Dec. 31.

Board members are not allowed to serve more than eight consecutive years but are all-



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NIAGARA EDITORIALS

Make tomorrow a better place

With the first term of school almost completed, most students are breathing a huge sigh of relief and begin planning their Christmas holidays. However, students should stop and think about a few serious matters before forgetting college life for two weeks.

The new year of 1981 will be here when students and staff return. A quick reflection on the past year will aid in discovering that most people did not come close to fulfilling their resolutions, or even to think about them after the first week of making them.

Perhaps this year people will think twice before making resolutions and will strive to reach an important and attainable goal. It is, after all, up to this generation to help make the world a nicer place to live.

Another topic to be considered before all the partying and fun, is the future. How many people have really stopped and thought about how close they are to finishing school and beginning their careers?

Whether students will begin a new life and job this year or next year, the future must be met with a happy heart and good attitude. Graduates of Niagara College are tomorrow's future. Students must face it and prepare for it with a note of seriousness and thoughtfulness.

With firmer resolutions and a brighter outlook on life, 1981 might bring with it more than another 365 days. It might bring hope for the discouraged, happiness to the depressed and encouragement to students who will be facing a new and exciting future in a very short time.

Karen Runka

John says,...

"I knew I was going to hate writing this. Even before I started I knew I would hate it. And don't say I'm closed-minded just because I pre-judged what it would be like to write an editorial. I just know what I like.

"It's the same as eating frogs' legs. I really hate them; that's why I've never tried them. Sure I've heard it all before; how you shouldn't judge something until you've tried it, that experience is the only way to find out. But why should I try something if I know I'm going to hate it, right?

"I must admit that I broke down once, however. Only once though. I went to see a war movie (I detest war movies.) I knew I wouldn't like it, but I went anyway, and I was right, I hated it. So I'll never watch another war movie.

"What? You're calling me closed-minded? I resent that. How could anyone ever think that I'm closed-minded? I'm probably the most open-minded guy you'll ever meet. But who wants to listen to your point of view anyway?"

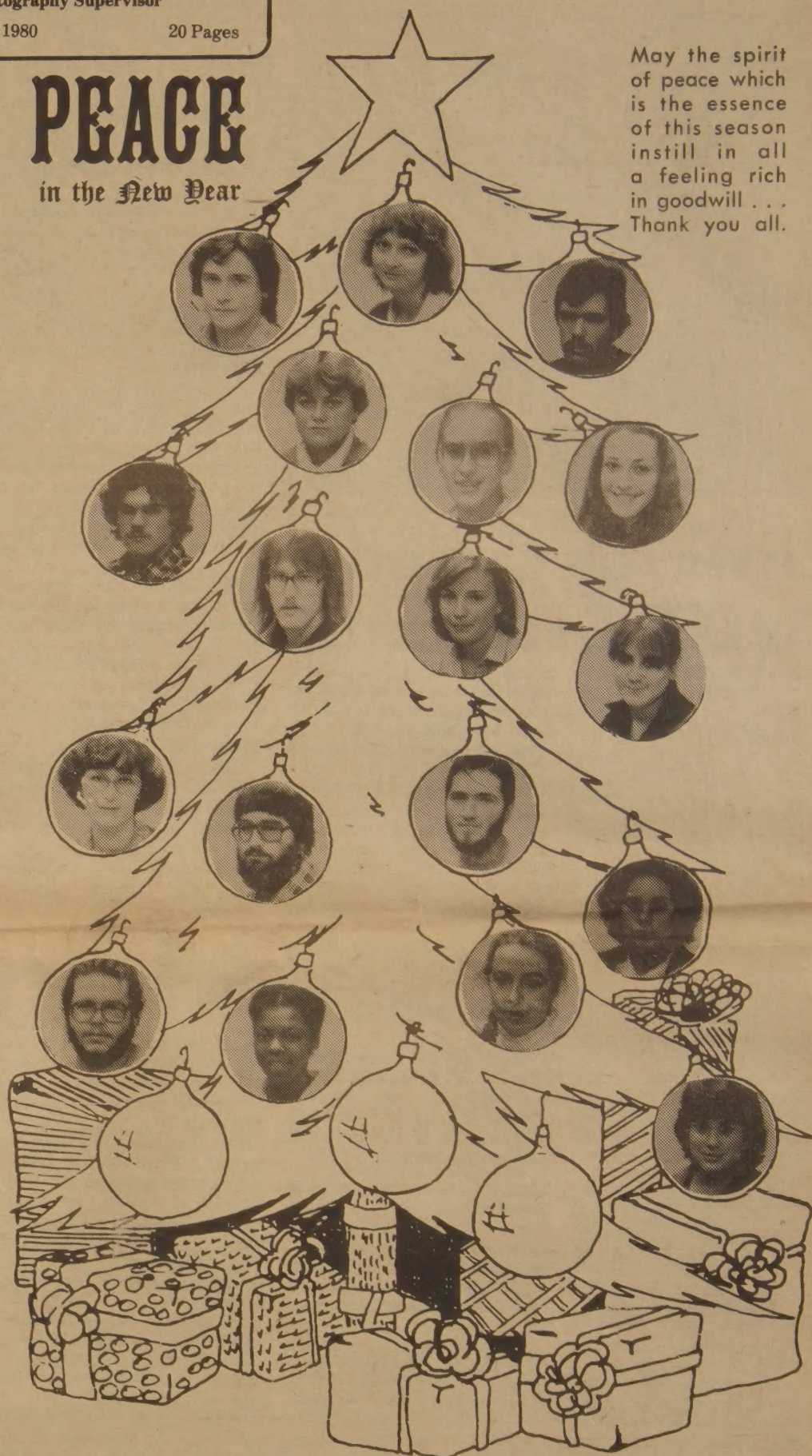
John Surgeoner

John Surgeoner worried unnecessarily about writing an editorial, because he didn't. As all newspaper readers know, editorials must be written with the editorial We, not the egocentric I. Hence, John's personal effusion is enclosed in quotation marks.

Another Ed.

PEACE

in the New Year



Bullpit

Christmas is commercial, but still holds magic

By IRENE YURCICH
Staff Writer

Christmas makes me feel emotional, it may bring parties and thoughts devotional, whatever happens and what may be, this is what Christmas time means to me....

Christmas is a special time of year, when people smile more, families gather together, friends visit, there are lots of presents to give and receive, children sing carols and laugh as they romp in the snow, but then we face the unpleasant realities. Writing Christmas cards and sending them to people whom we haven't seen or heard from in months,

buying presents for people we don't really want to spend the money on but know we have to, cutting down a tree that drops pine needles all over the clean rug, tinsel from one corner of the room to the other, making sure that the lights on the tree won't burn your house down...and the list goes on.

Christmas gets more expensive and more commercial every year. Toys cost triple the price they did a few years ago. Children are no longer satisfied with dolls that are just cuddly; they have to do something else besides, talk, walk, or wet their pants. Most little boys would rather have an electronic football

or hockey game for Christmas; they don't want trucks or cars anymore.

What is the true meaning of Christmas? Does anyone really know? I know it is the day celebrated by Christians as the birth of their Saviour, but how many really care? After all, that happened so many years ago. How many people go to church Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and it has been the first time since last Christmas.

ALL OF A SUDDEN...

If people don't have the giving, caring spirit all year round, where does it come from suddenly at Christmas time? Does it

come to you in your sleep a few weeks before or does it hit you in November when store merchants start bringing down the old decorations and mark-up the prices that reminds you it's that time of year again.

Whatever happened to the Christmas of old, when people gathered around the piano and sang Christmas carols, Christmas presents were made of cloth and love, and mother started baking three weeks or so in advance?

Today it is just too easy. All you have to do is go into the store, pick up a gift and give it to someone. Where is the thought in that?

There is no imagination in Christmas anymore. There was a time when everyone from one to 92 could enjoy Christmas equally. Today it seems the only ones who really enjoy it are the young folk who still believe the magic of Christmas, reindeer who fly, and the big fat man who somehow manages to slide down your chimney, bringing toys and surprises.

I know this has all been said before, buy maybe, just maybe, someday it will hit and we will all believe in the spirit of Christmas and maybe it would be so strong it lasts all year round.

Merry Christmas, and may all your dreams come true!

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from the advertising staff

Spirit of Christmas found in old myths

By LAURIE ELLIS
Staff Writer

Exploring the mystery of Christmas, we fall back on the stories and especially the legends that we have grown up with. These stories are the real meaning of the Christmas spirit to us.

On Christmas Eve there are all kinds of wondrous occurrences. God's creatures rejoiced in the many great things and a favorite among children was the legend of the talking of the animals. According to legend, on the night of Christ's birth the animals were gathered in their manger when the cock told his friends of the news. "Christ, the Saviour," he crowed, "is born this night." All

Everyone knows the story of the Nativity which is found in a few short chapters of the Gospels of St. Matthew and St. Luke. Yet there are still the Christmas legends we know little of which have become traditional in many lands and hold just as much meaning as our own legends. Many of these tales, traditions and legends originated before they could ever be written down. era to generation by word of mouth and were enriched with each re-telling. The classic Christmas story of the Nativity, Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, the mystery of the night, and the Holy Family's flight into Egypt is told everywhere, but many legends drift from the scriptures. Some tell of elfin beings, animals and flowers which all pay homage to Christ's birth.

HAWTHORNE BLOOMS

Each year the hawthorne blooms in England according to legend. St. Joseph of Arimathea, in whose tomb Christ was laid, brought the Holy Grail to England. When he was there he planted his hawthorne staff in the earth near Glastonbury. It took root, became a tree and blossomed every Christmas thereafter. Cuttings were taken from the tree and replanted in other parts of England thus the hawthorne blooms all over England on Christmas Day. the animals then decided to go to Bethlehem to honor the Saviour and along the way talked of the great Saviour. The bees sang a carol that night which all bees hum forevermore.

The nightingale has become as popular a symbol of Christmas as the partridge in a pear tree. The legend goes that each night Mary sang the new babe to sleep but one night he was restless and sleep would not come. Sleep finally came when a nightingale joined Mary in her lullabye. From that time on, all nightingales were graced with Mary's lovely voice.

NO SANTA?

What would Christmas be without Santa Claus? Our version of the jolly old man is somewhat commercial but there is a legend from which he evolved.

The identity of the man of Christmas varies from country to country but he is always portrayed as someone who did generous deeds. St. Nicholas was derived from such legends.

He was a great and kind man, Nicholas, Bishop of Myra in Lycia, during the 4th Century. Legend has it that one night, assumingly Christmas Eve, St. Nicholas was out riding.

He rode by the house of a merchant who had lost everything and who was unable to provide dowries for his three daughters. That night he tossed sacks of gold through the window for her dowry. Each year after he did the same for the next daughter. Thereafter, Christmas gifts from unknown sources were said to have come from St. Nicholas, who has become known as Santa Claus.

Angel gifts were another substitute for the legendary Santa Claus. A heavenly figure rather than an elfin figure like Santa was credited for bringing anonymous gifts to children on Christmas.

Christmas brings a special feeling to everyone and the little traditions, rituals and legends of each season make it just as merry as the last. The legends of Christmas will live on with the spirit of Christmas.

Song of nature

The sturdy Christmas melody, O Tannenbaum, was originally a love song. In America, it was adopted during the Civil War as Maryland, My Maryland. But as a carol, it sings praises for all the wonders of nature, not just the Christmas tree.

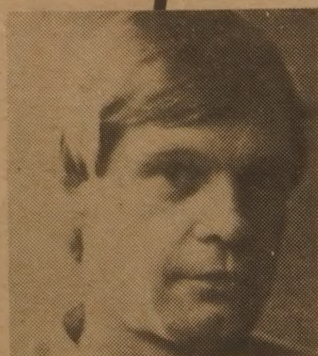
Roving Reporter

Do you think Christmas is being promoted too early this year?

By ALISON BAILEY
and ROB ROY
Staff Writers

Shelley Rafferty, 21, first-year horticulture: Around the horticulture centre you don't notice it very much.

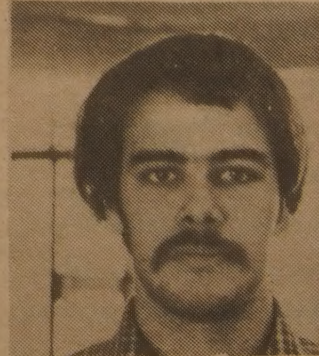
Donald E. Pearson, co-ordinator, retail management: No, I think we live in an age of commercialism and most stores waited until Dec. 1 before they started to play Christmas music.



Barry Sharpe, economics instructor: No, I think we should have Christmas 365 days of the year.



Julie O'Brien, 21, medical records: No, I feel like it started too late. You have to be put into the Christmas spirit.



Alan Reece, second-year computer technology: Yes, each year it is starting earlier and this year the stores are really pushing on you.



Frank Engelage, 20 second-year horticulture: For people such as florists, it is necessary to prepare plants in November but for the public, I think it is too early this year.



Four Niagara College Ju-Jitsu club members are Carl Steinvall, Yvon Bisailon, Vincent Vile. receive certificates in honor of their achievements Absent when the photo was taken was Dan Sundy. when they participated in the All-Ontario Ju-Jitsu Vincent Vile, instructor, won a trophy for placing tournament held in Milton, Ont. From left to right third in the black-belt division.

Ju-Jitsu tournament yields certificates

Vincent Vile, instructor of the Niagara College Ju-Jitsu Club, has placed third in the black-belt division of the All-Ontario Ju-Jitsu Tournament in Milton, Ont. Nov. 29.

Other members of the club, Yvon Bisailon, brown belt; Carl Steinvall, green belt; and Dan Sundy, orange belt; received special achievement awards for "putting up a good fight," Mr. Vile said.

Certificates were presented to them at the regular class of the Niagara Ju-Jitsu club. Dan Sundy was unable to attend.

Mr. Vile won the tournament by doing Randori demonstrations (free style) which is fighting two attackers steady for three minutes. He was marked on smoothness, technique and originality.

He competed against 30 other contestants from across Ontario.

The Niagara College club was started by Mr. Vile in 1978 and has 20 active female and male members. The youngest club member is seven years old but

Mr. Vile said he would not like to see other members younger than 10 join the club.

The 14-week course will be offered again in the New Year, starting Jan. 12. Practices are held once a week but could be extended to two two-hour sessions per week in the coming year if people want it, Mr. Vile said.

Three other club members were awarded their yellow belts last week. They are Claudette Marino, Margaret Marino, and Jack Walsh.

The test consisted of a written exam and demonstrating various techniques, Margaret Marino, first-year radio and TV student said.

12-day party

The cumulative song, The Twelve Days of Christmas, celebrates the 12 days of the Christmas festival which conclude on Epiphany. Twelfth Night parties once highlighted the season.

Today's special: Christmas dinner

Traditional Christmas dinner will be provided for students and staff at the cafeteria today. The meal will consist of turkey, dressing, potatoes, vegetable and cranberry sauce with a choice of Christmas cake or shortbread cookies for dessert. The cost of the meal is \$2.

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Season's Greetings

1980-83 calendar ready for distribution

Twenty thousand copies of the 1981-83 Niagara College calendar have been printed at a cost less than the 10,000 copies of the 1980 edition, Dr. Nora McCardell, director of special projects, said.

Cost of producing the 1980 calendar was high because it was the first time the college had used expensive recruitment promotional devices, the director of special projects said. Expensive paper, photographs and multi-colored paper were used in the production. In the midst of the production of the 1980 calendar there were staff turnovers in the college and problems with vendors who supplied art work, photographs, printing and binding.

Word processing for the 1981-83 calendar was done by the

special projects office, cutting out a whole activity and the amount of supplies used, Dr. McCardell said.

The Board of Governors approved a single company, Williamson and Lalonde, last spring to fulfill the major printing and advertisement needs of the information office, Dr. McCardell said.

Ten thousand copies of the 1981-83 calendar will be held back for distribution until next year.

Five thousand course description handbooks containing detailed information for use by counsellors were also printed this year. Dr. McCardell said she anticipated the production of a mini-calendar next year.

Welland Vale party event for children

The Welland Vale campus held a Christmas party Dec. 14 for children of students enrolled there, John Basile, Welland Vale Student Administrative Council president, said.

The party featured a magician, a Christmas sing-a-long for the children, elves and cartoon characters, and, of course, Santa Claus.

Each child received a gift from Santa and was treated to drinks and food. The party ran from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Christmas party is an annual event at Welland Vale and is organized by the senate

there. One hundred and thirty eight children were expected to attend, Mr. Basile said. Presents left over from children who did not show are donated to associated charities for poor children.

Ooops

Because of an error in typesetting, the last edition of the Niagara News reported the winner of the Corpsuckle Cup as Law and Security 2LS12.

The correct winner was Law and Security 2LS13. The News apologizes for the error.

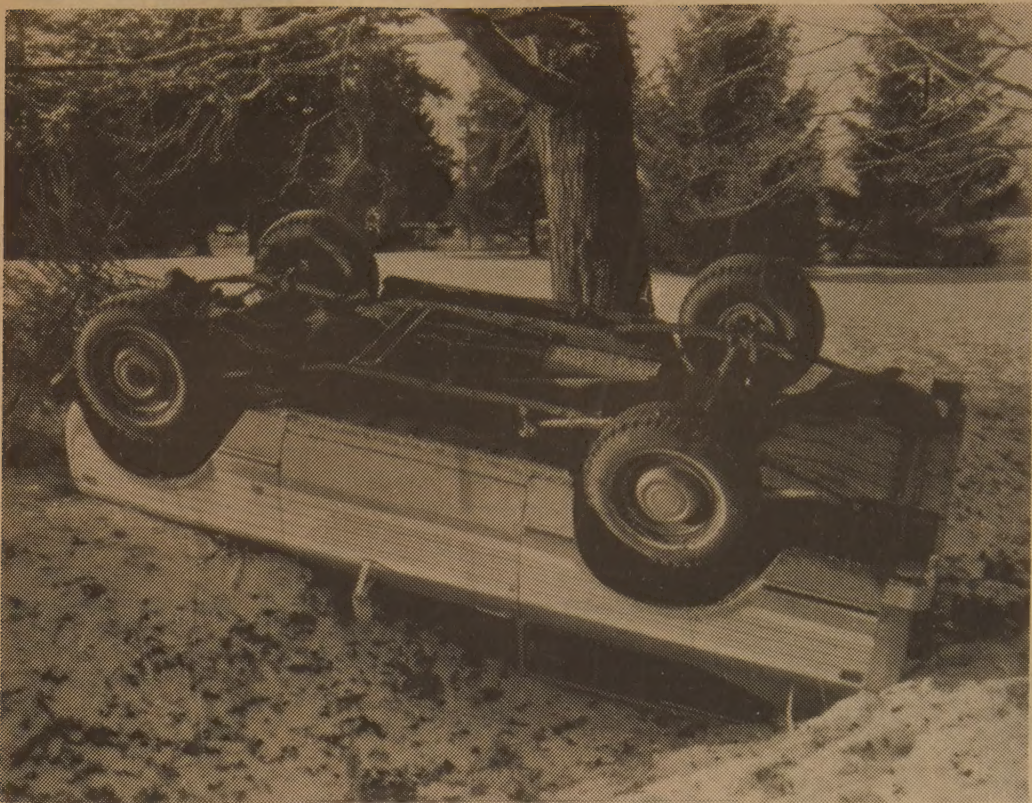


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Last ditch effort Time to change driving habits as winter weather approaches

By IRENE YURCICH
Staff Writer

Arriving in his usual fashion without much notice, Old Man Winter made his first appearance in the Niagara Region two weeks ago.

"People drive like it's 80 degrees out and roads are clear," Constable Sid Smith, third division traffic investigation and enforcement branch, said.

People are taken by surprise at the suddenly slippery road surfaces, and many accidents occur at the time of the first snow fall, he said.

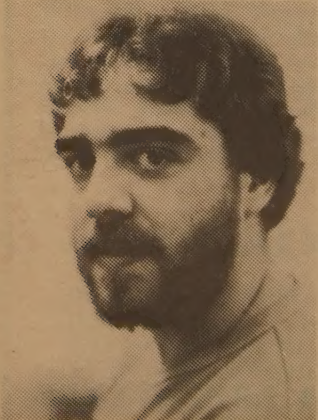
Before going anywhere, check the car to make sure it is winterized and it can stand the bitter weather conditions. Keep windshield wiper blades in good working order, keep the defroster in working order, check antifreeze, check batteries and make sure that tires are changed.

Adjust habits

Last winter alone there were 861 accidents resulting from winter weather driving conditions, Constable Smith said.

People cause accidents in poor weather because they have not adjusted their driving habits accordingly, he said. Usually by the time the season is half over, the accident rate drops.

New president



JOHN BASILE

is the new president of the Student Senate at the Welland Vale campus. Mr. Basile replaces Kevin Franco, who vacated the position a month ago.

Constable Smith said most accidents are either rear-end collisions or related to miscalculations in "exciting time" for example, pulling out of drive-ways on to streets or from parking lots on to highways.

On wet or icy roads your car cannot be stopped as quickly as on dry roads.

Some suggestions for driving in the winter are: when stopping or slowing, pump or apply the brakes quickly but gently and as quickly release them. Keep repeating this on and off, braking until you come to a full stop or the speed desired.

On slippery road surfaces, take these precautions: drive at slower speeds, keep a safe distance from other vehicles, use snow tires or radial tires or tire chains if necessary, avoid all sudden driving acts such as breaking, accelerating, or shifting to lower gears before the vehicle speed is reduced.

When tire grip fails due to the friction between the tires and the snowy surface, skidding occurs and the driver loses control.

High rate

Last winter, December had the highest number of accidents — 247. Following closely behind was February with 202.

The major cause of winter accidents is careless driving which includes following too closely behind another vehicle. Driving too closely does not allow for safe stopping distance should the vehicle ahead experience difficulty or skid.

On dry roads you travel a long way from the time you see danger, recognize it, decide to stop and apply the brakes. These distances increase with the increase in the speed travelled. At 50 mph you are travelling 73 feet per second and the vehicle would travel 258 feet before stopping. This varies according to the size of the car, pressure and size of tires, and road surfaces.

Rear wheel skids can be corrected by removing your feet from the pedals and steering in the direction of the skid.

To correct a four-wheel skid, release the brake, re-apply it gently and increase pressure slowly to avoid locking the wheels.

Icy problems

To start on ice, start in high or second gear. This prevents skids and spinning of wheels. Tires have a better chance to grip a slippery surface if power is applied gently.

If you are unfortunate enough to be caught in a snow storm or blizzard, these suggestions may help; do not try to walk to safety if you are too far away, open a window slightly to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. These are suggestions made by the ministry of transportation.

Remember any accident that occurs results in damage to your vehicle as well as another vehicle and could even result in death. Think before you act. Reducing the speed may take longer to get to the desired destination so leave earlier. It is better than not arriving at all!

NC computer system second phase study

By DIANE CLAVEAU
Staff Writer

A specifically individualized computer system for Niagara College is in the second phase of being studied. "In my expectation, if the system is to be implemented, it will take two to three years," Dr. Nora McCardell, director of special projects, said.

The two-part study which may lead to the development of a new computer system is being done by the firm of Thorne, Stevenson and Kellogg. "They are well-known for their computer-related studies," Dr. McCardell said.

The first phase of the study of computer requirements was completed in September. The second phase which started Oct. 16 will be finished by "the end of this month." "The two parts will be put together in the end," she said.

The firm submitted a 200-page preliminary report of what it found on the development of an information system in part one of the project.

The information system is the different administration links which allow the college to function. Some of these different links are: student records, from admissions to transcripts; the accounting system, from payroll to receipts for student fees, and the use of physical space as in lighting and time-tabling.

SPEEDS FLOW

"We have major units of administration and we are trying to figure out ways to bring these together to speed up and improve the flow of information within these units," Dr. McCardell said. Each unit will be able to extract only those things they need to know from the information gathered in the main computer.

Dr. McCardell used student registration as an example: "the

information about the student's program, student fees, address and OSAP grant are fed into the computer. Various divisions have to be alerted to enrolment in programs which affects room size and space allotments, which, in turn tells about the personnel we will need."

Student records are on file in the computer at the college, but space needs are not, she said. There is a lot of financial information on computer but "it's possible the financial department will want more there."

WAITING FOR IT

"The systems have to be linked 'on line' which means the development of a huge new system." The firm has not made any suggestions about equipment, it is waiting for completion of phase two.

Kenneth Grant, an on-site consultant from the firm, is seeing small groups of instructors to assess what their needs will be over the next few years for the use of a computer and other equipment.

"We expect a tripling of a load on the computer which will make it difficult on the machine." She said the computer Niagara has is relatively small in terms of capacity. "It's like putting 20 people into a Volkswagen, kind of cramped and not very comfortable in the summer."

"The final report will suggest the kind of equipment we should be considering if changes are recommended," Dr. McCardell said. "We are pretty sure changes will be recommended and are aware the present computer is physically incapable of handling and increased load."

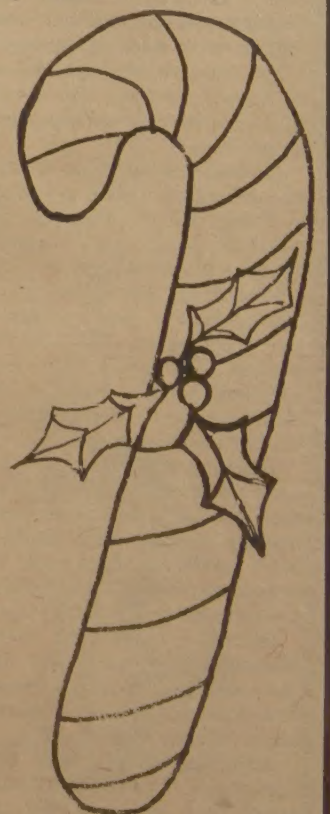
"The completed system will be used by all administrators," she said. What will cost the most is equipment.

"I find it rather stimulating that we'll be leaping into the 1980s rather than dragging ourselves in."

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Tourism students to Quebec

W.B. Munroe, Canadian Studies specialist, presents a cheque to Carol Thibault, student representative of the bilingual section of the travel and tourism program, as Marie-Marthe Rennie, tourism instructor, looks on. The cheque will assist students in their work experience at the Quebec Winter Carnival in February, another first for Niagara College. (Photo by Moore)

Xmas trees a major industry

It stands majestically in the centre of the room. As the main focal point with its bright blinking lights and shiny tinsel, the

Christmas tree begins its yearly duty as the sign of the season and one of aggravation.

As one of Canada's biggest export industries for this time of year, the tree creates a dilemma for Canadians who must choose from what is left. Gone are the days when the family set out, axe in hand, to cut a Christmas tree down to put in the parlor. Many families today opt for the plastic, fireproof, artificial tree.

Christmas trees bounded from a family custom to a major industry. In the last 25 years, exports have jumped and the private and government-controlled forests profited with the holiday festivity. Private owners

swung into business on a large scale. Scotch Pines, the ultimate Christmas tree, is the most popular with growers as they mature much faster than their counterparts. Every 10 years a tree can be cut down to make its way into someone's living room.

The ritual of Christmas trees stems from ancient times but it has been credited to the German people where the taunnenbaum became a family tradition.

The custom spread from Germany to most countries of Europe in the 19th century and spread throughout the world from there.

O' Christmas tree, what would Christmas be without you?

College grad in Africa

Graduating from mechanical drafting at Niagara College in 1978 couldn't have exactly prepared Michael Adams for a teaching job in Africa.

However, Michael will complete a two-year contract with CUSO in August '81. That won't mean the end of his experiences in Africa. In a letter to Gino Cieri, mechanical design and drafting teacher, Michael wrote that he would some day go back.

Mr. Cieri remembers Michael as a good student. "He always seemed to be aware of the people around him."

Michael teaches basic drafting at a secondary technology school in Talata Mafara, Nigeria. The government-sponsored school has been in operation since 1978.

Michael not only suffers from a communication gap but also a lack of equipment. When he first started they didn't even have sufficient pencils. Mr. Cieri recalled taking up a collection to send him some pencils.

Teaching staff from India and the Philippines have been hired; this will help solve last year's teacher shortage and the language barrier, Michael said. The state government is now building a permanent living site for them.

During a nine-week break Michael toured some west African countries. "We experienced a new type of life and encountered many different cultures."

Although Michael had little experience, "I could see him very easily in a situation like that doing fine." He was the type of person to enjoy anything he would do, Mr. Cieri said.

Mr. Cieri sees Michael's possible objectives as coming home to gain more experience so that he could return with more to offer. Understanding people, "that's half of everything."



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Hypnotism can help students

By JOHN SURGEONER
Staff Writer

His feet began to feel thick and heavy. Any sense of touch there seemed to be gone, dulled. But it was moving up his leg now, through his shins to his knees up to his waist. His lower body was engulfed in numbness. He felt curiously fat. But now it was over his chest and arms. He had no urge to move as his head succumbed to this strange sensation. He could not smell, he could not taste, he could not touch. He could only hear. He was completely calm, relaxed and comfortable. He was hypnotized.

For many people the word as many times as is necessary. Eventually he or she would be able to practise self-hypnosis without actually using the tapes. People who are hypnotized on stage for entertainment purposes are plants who have been pre-hypnotized and placed in the audience, he said.

Hypnosis can also relieve people of pain. Mr. Le Coq's wife suffered from severe migraine headaches but, since being hypnotized by her husband, has had no trouble in 12 years. Mr. Le Coq cannot sell tapes for medical problems, although doctors may do so.

Relaxing

When hypnotized, a person only feels very relaxed and comfortable. This should be a benefit in today's fast-paced world, Mr. Le Coq said.

Mr. Le Coq is producing self-hypnosis tapes aimed at allowing people to hypnotize themselves into relaxing, losing weight or stopping smoking. These tapes can be of particular benefit to college students who, through listening, will be able to relax, he said.

"When exam time comes students are not uptight. It's a matter of total concentration."

The tapes, which are only available to Niagara students right now, cost \$12.95. They decrease the cost of being hypnotized, Mr. Le Coq said. For hypnosis to be completely successful, it must be repeated several times. Now, all the people would have to do is purchase a tape and listen to it

"I'm amazed that more thinking people haven't grabbed this and practised it," Mr. Le Coq said.

Hypnosis is achieved by appealing to a person's subconscious. The conscious and subconscious minds are continually in conflict because the conscious mind has the ability to reason and the subconscious does not. Problems or anxieties arise out of this conflict, Mr. Le Coq said.

By appealing to the subconscious, hypnosis deals with what a person is feeling, and not with reason. Therefore, a person's true feelings come out, whether reasonable or not.

Have guards

This does not mean that when a person is hypnotized, he is completely susceptible to any command given to the subconscious. There are certain guards



WILLY AND AFRA LE COQ

which make sure that a person will not do anything against his or her will.

"You could not make a person steal if he was not a thief," Mr. Le Coq said.

The son of a specialist in tropical diseases living in the Dutch East Indies, Mr. Le Coq has been accustomed to hypnotism all his life. His father was a hypnotist and Mr. Le Coq learned the art at the age of 14. He has been a master hypnotist for 35 years.

After joining Niagara College in 1970 as an electronics instructor, he moved over to the media

department when the electronics course was cancelled. He recalls, suggesting night courses in hypnotism when Jacqueline Robarts first took office as president at Niagara. He also proposed a five-minute relaxation period for students each morning to help them calm down before classes. Subjects could be covered in half the time, Mr. Le Coq said. The suggestions were rejected, however, as the Ontario Hypnosis Act of 1961 prohibits the teaching of hypnosis.

Mr. Le Coq laughs at how people are wary and afraid of hypnosis. "People don't realize

how much a part of their lives hypnosis is. It is just a natural part of living."

Before sleep

Before people go to sleep at night there is a period of six to eight seconds when they are in a state of hypnosis, that is why they can never pinpoint the exact time they went to sleep Mr. Le Coq said.

He also scoffs at the belief that less intelligent people are more easily hypnotized. "The exact opposite is true," he said.

"Intelligent people are more easily hypnotized because they have a greater power of concentration."

Mr. Le Coq is the author of "The Handbook of Hypnosis for Everyone." It may be a few years before it is published, but "hopefully it will ease some of the fears of hypnosis."

Jewish festival

The Hanukkah Festival commemorates the Jewish victory over the Syrians in 164 B.C. The Syrians had tried to annihilate the Jewish religion, the first religious persecution in history. People of the Jewish faith celebrate the triumph by lighting candles everyday of the eight-day festival. It is a time for prayer and parties, to hail the Jewish victory over oppression.

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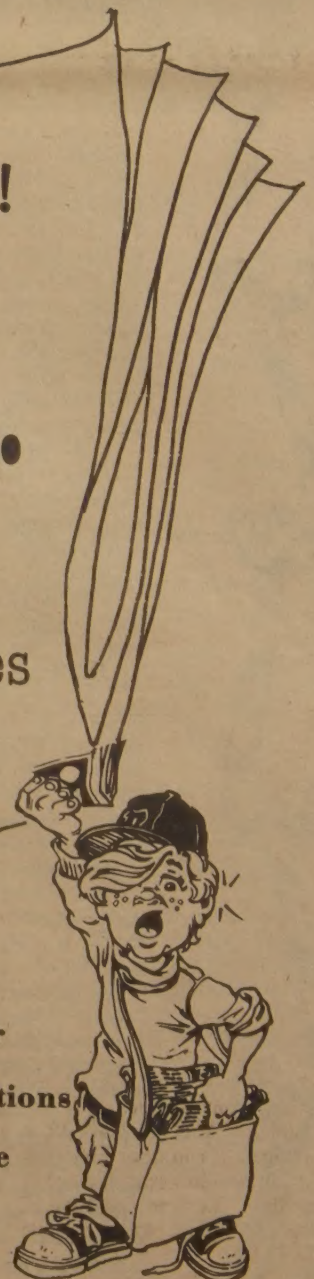
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Christmas: a time for legends, myths, traditions

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A special man

NC media services produce Xmas show

By LIZ PAYNE
Staff Writer

It was a long afternoon for the children and adults Saturday Dec. 6, at Maple Leaf Village for the taping of Christmas Niagara, a show by Niagara College's media department. Even after 2½ hours, some members of the weary audience were able to muster up excitement due to the special guest.

One little girl ran down the aisle excitedly when she realized who was on his way.

"Is Santa Claus coming now?" Despite the length of the actual taping day, Keith Lindberg, manager of media services, was pleased with the over-all production.

"I think the final edited product is going to be an excellent program," he said.

TO REPEAT

The television program, 60 minutes in its final edited version, will be seen Thursday Dec. 18 at 12:30 and 6 p.m. and Saturday Dec. 20 at 10 a.m. on McLean-Hunter and Armstrong cable television.

Mr. Lindberg said he hoped to show the audience how a television show is put together and that it is a lot slower than they may think.

The taping lasted 2½ hours, "about 45 minutes longer than expected," Mr. Lindberg said.

He said people from the studio audience will be thrilled to see the final product on television.

TIGHTEN IT UP

"If we were to do a show like this in the future we would try to tighten it up, maybe do the whole show on one set," Mr. Lindberg said. "We knew there

were going to be small children in the audience who would get bored even after 90 minutes."

A majority of the 350 people who made up the audience at its fullest were children. Two hundred and ten people in the audience were from Niagara College families. The children were important to the production.

The highlights of the program were the acts that held the children's attention best. Santa Claus, who appeared at the end of the program, and Ted Morgan, retired Niagara College staff member, who told a children's story, were popular. Another major attraction of the show was Kevin Etherington of St. Catharines who performed and explained magic tricks.

DID HENNING TRICK

He performed a handkerchief trick he learned from Doug Henning, "the first magician I thought was doing magic and not just tricks."

"Now I'm going to do something magicians are forbidden to do, show you how this trick is done," As he explained the trick, Kevin delighted the audience by making the handkerchief disappear again and again.

The show also includes a bird act with Julie Reaper and birds from Birds of Paradise at Maple Leaf Village, a primary choir from Orchard Park School in Niagara Falls.

Jacqueline Roberts, Niagara College president, delivered a Christmas message, as did Mayor Wayne Thomson of Niagara Falls.

Tom Pagonis and Jerry Salfi were assistant producers, and RTV students assisted.

Pro Santa spreads spirit

By JIM BELYEA
Staff Writer

To some Santa Claus may be a mythical old man. But to Paul Wells, 25, first year educational resource technician student, Santa is not only the spirit of Christmas but a well paying job as well.

Paul started being Santa three years ago for CJRN-Radio's benefit Christmas program. It sent him to Studio Enterprises in Niagara Falls to get a costume. He has his own now.

Unlike the real Saint Nicholas who went out at night and gave gifts to the needy, Paul hopes to make \$500, not including the occasional bottle, this season as a professional Santa Claus.

"I like to get people into the Christmas spirit and it helps me out financially," Paul said. "I've learned that kids still believe in Santa. I think he is one of the best people to help bring the Christmas spirit to life."

Santa's image has changed with the times. Europeans thought of him as a tall stately person. Washington Irving pictured him as a fellow that looked much like a typical Dutch settler who rode over tree tops in a wagon taking presents from his pockets and dropping them down chimneys.

Today those people who want to be professional Santas can rent costumes for \$30 to \$50 a night or \$175 a season. Wigs, beards and caps cost more but Paul says there is good money to be made being Santa.

Charging an average of \$25 per visit, Paul is booked to make 37 visits as Santa from Dec. 5 to 25.

Paul knows two other professional Santas; one is his brother who retired this year at the age of 17; the other is Dennis Williams, director of psychological services for the St. Catharines General Hospital.

Pretending to be Santa isn't easy. Paul finds he has to be "sneaky" when talking to children. "There are a lot of lines you have to use," Paul said. Using his pickup truck because the reindeer are in training is one example he uses.

"I'm in the Christmas spirit as soon as I put on the costume," Paul said. "Cities put up Christmas lights at the beginning of November, I don't know," the spirit ever since."

Paul hates the way Christmas has become since he was young. You start to see Christmas TV specials and sales in October," Paul said. "Cities put up Christmas lights at the beginning of November. I don't know."

One of Paul's goals in life is to make people happy.

"If I can do that by being Santa, that's good enough for me," Paul said. "That makes my life complete."

Old-fashioned vs. modern Xmas

By LAURIE ELLIS
Staff Writer

Christmases past are what we begin to think of as our holidays become more commercial. Remember tromping through the snowy woods searching for the perfect Christmas tree to chop down and put in the parlor?

Many, especially those who do remember all those things, wish to get back to the real spirit of Christmas. Remember sleigh rides in the snow being pulled by a pair of horses with bells on their harnesses? There were the toboggan rides on sleds with wooden runners that were gifts for Christmas.

Remember looking for presents your parents hid instead of telling you what you are getting? You would search and search for them but afraid to find them and

spoiling the surprise of Christmas Day.

KISSES, KISSES

The greeting of "Merry Christmas" to everyone even strangers on the streets and reply of "Same to you and many more" rings throughout the holiday season. Many remember being kissed by relatives whom you never see except at Christmas when all the relatives gather for Christmas dinner.

Every Christmas Eve one hung his Christmas stocking that was made by a grandmother or an aunt who really wasn't related at all. They were hung along the fireplace mantel with hopes of fruits and nuts and little candies filling them instead of coal. Are these the Christmases one remembers most?

Christmas Eve holds many special memories such as falling

asleep while someone read The Night Before Christmas instead of watching it on television. Do you remember the sound of reindeer hooves on the roof?

Remember believing in Santa Claus and writing him a letter at the North Pole? Your faith in him was restored each Christmas as the milk and cookies left out for him that night had disappeared by the morning.

Remember plucking the turkey, baking gingerbread men and mince pies? Remember singing Christmas carols door-to-door and being invited in for hot cocoa?

Gifts were homemade such as the toy truck grandpa whittled out back and the fuzzy mittens from a distant aunt. The whole season seemed much simpler but the spirit of it was stronger than now.



'Twas the night before Christmas

Holidays around the world

By KAREN RUNKA
Staff Writer

Many Canadians spend the Christmas holidays scurrying around the streets with colorful packages and decorating trees and homes with holly and mistletoe. Children wake up Christmas morning to find to their hearts' delight gifts from Santa Claus scattered beneath the evergreen tree.

Although Canadians are accustomed to this type of Christmas, there are many different customs and traditions around the world that people celebrate to commemorate the holiday season.

French children put their shoes in front of the fireplace so Father Christmas will bring them goodies. Christmas is celebrated by going to midnight mass and returning to eat a late

dinner. The adults exchange gifts during New Year's.

In Germany, the trees are decorated with tinsel, lights and ornaments as well as cookies shaped like people and animals. The children believe their gifts are brought from the Christ Child and they open them on Christmas Eve.

An Italian Christmas involves fasting the day before the great celebration. Christmas day is

reserved for religious ceremonies. Most of the gifts are given on Christmas Eve. According to legend, an old witch comes down the chimney and in one hand carries a bell to announce her arrival, in the other hand she has a piece of coal she hits the naughty children with.

In Switzerland, young people visit nine fountains on their way to midnight mass on Christmas Eve. They take three sips of water from each fountain because legend says they will find their future husband or wife waiting at the door of the church. They also believe cattle are able to speak in honor of their presence at Christ's birth.

No matter what country or ethnic background Christmas is celebrated in, Christmas is still Christmas around the world.



Carolling returns

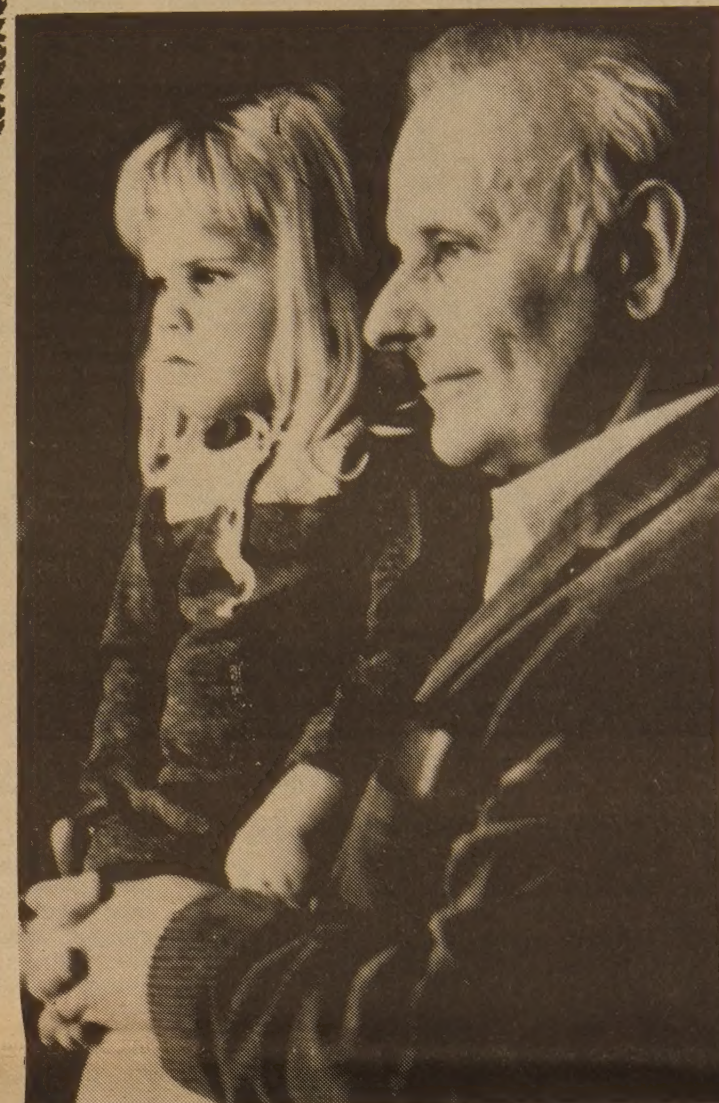
The Christmas season, the joyous, merry time when people spread cheer and goodwill to mankind, has many symbols which are present in many homes.

Many people remember a time when carollers roamed the street singing holiday tunes to their neighborhood. The earliest known hymn in honor of the Nativity is Jesus Light of All the Nation, written by Hilary Poitiers.

The most famous Christmas carol is Silent Night. Written in 1818 by Josef Mohr, it was to become the best-loved carol of all. The priest of an Austrian parish, Josef Mohr, wrote the first three verses on Christmas Eve because the church's organ was broken and he did not want the congregation to be disappointed.

His friend, Franz Gruber, a teacher and church organist, helped compose music for the song and together they sang it to the parishoners, for the first time, accompanied by guitar, at midnight mass.

The mistletoe is another traditional symbol that has made its way into many people's homes. Most people enjoy this kissing plant which hangs from doorways. It was used among the British Druids because it was supposed to have miraculous powers.



The wonder of it all

Mary will get Christmas presents

By ROSEMARY POWELL
Staff Writer

Her name is Mary. She is six years old. Every night, during her prayers, she asks for Christmas to be a happy time for her family. Mary is looking forward to that magical Christmas Eve when Santa Claus makes his rounds.

Mary's father lost his job in early October, and since that time has been on welfare. With the aid of the Salvation Army and Community Christmas Basket in Welland, Santa Claus will make it to Mary's house after all.

Despite what we like to think and hope Christmas to be, it is not always a time of smiles and laughter. If not for the Christmas Basket, many families in the Welland/Port Colborne area would live through a depressing and empty holiday season.

The Salvation Army and Community Christmas Basket is a volunteer group. Its main purpose is to assemble and distribute Christmas food baskets, new toys and gifts to needy families.

STARTED IN 1973

The Christmas Basket has been in operation since 1973, receiving donations from local schools and the general public. When the organization was formed, the Christmas Basket

contained mostly new toys, but three years ago the Salvation Army joined in handling the food gifts.

Lt. Maxwell Paynter, co-chairman of the Salvation Army Christmas Basket and the corp officer of the Salvation Army in Welland, said there is an abundance of goodwill during the Christmas season.

"People love to give, especially in the Christmas season," Lt. Paynter said. "They find something rewarding about giving. The type of response we get is only indicative of the good will that we have during the Christmas season. That's what Christmas is all about — giving and caring."

REACHES MANY

Lt. Paynter said with the job situation as it is today the Christmas Basket will be helping about 600 families this year.

"So many people are out of work because of lay-offs," he said.

People who would like the aid of the organization, have to register at the Toy and Food Store, 24 Main St. E., Welland.

"Registration is done in person to determine the eligibility of the person of family," Lt. Paynter said. "There are certain guidelines and limits as to the amount

of gifts we give out, according to the size of the family."

Parents can come in and pick up the gifts at the store and take them home, leaving the children to believe that Santa Claus visited.

HELPS ALL YEAR

The Salvation Army receives help, not only at Christmas time, but all year, through various kettle stands throughout several shopping centres in the area. Volunteers spend several hours each day working for these needy families.

As a special treat during the Christmas season, the group goes out on the streets, serenading various areas in Port Colborne and Welland.

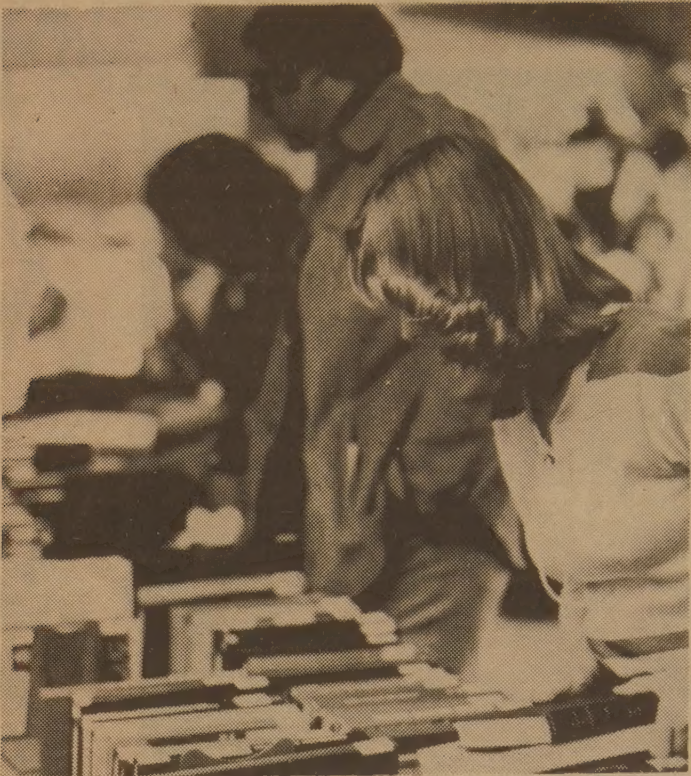
Even senior citizens who seem almost forgotten in different homes and hospitals will receive some small token for the Christmas season.

"We have what is called the League of Mercy Group, who assemble little gifts and visit nursing homes and hospitals," Lt. Paynter said.

Thanks to the efforts of many people, not only the ones who give up their time to raise money, but to those who donate as well, Christmas is going to have its true meaning for a number of families — a time of good will and good cheer.

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Staff and students search through the rows looking for books of interest at the Learning Resource Centre's book sale Nov. 20.

(Photo by Bailey)

Interior design students analyze elements in slides

Third-year interior design students had the chance to show their expert knowledge in their field when they presented a slide show to fellow students Dec. 9.

The students evaluated four major areas — residential, commercial, industrial and institutions in terms of the basic elements: lighting, ceiling, ventilation systems, floors and color schemes.

The slide presentation will be marked on visual as well as oral composition, proper identi-

fication of elements and co-ordination, Mr. Szalflarski, said.

Dean I.J. Giancarlo, who saw only the residential group, said the "presentation was extremely well done and it had unity. It had a very artistic balance and the evaluation by students showed a great perception, both complimentary and critical. I was proud of the students and the high quality work."

This project is meant to prepare students for their thesis in their final term, Mr. Szalflarski said.

Continuing ed. organizes two new courses

Effective supervision construction and project control, and administration for construction superintendents are two new courses being offered by continuing education services next term.

"They are credit courses in the Ontario management development program," Douglas Finch, a director of continuing education services, said.

The effective supervision construction course is designed primarily for foreman-level supervisors in the construction industry.

The project control and administration for construction superintendents course is designed for construction superintendents, aspiring construction superintendents and construction management personnel interested in, or requiring, basic knowledge of project control and administration.

Both are night courses to be held Tuesday evenings at the main campus. Cost for the courses is \$38, plus \$10 for materials. They will run from Jan. 20 to March 24, 1981, from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Registration in person may be done at the Welland campus from Dec. 15 to Jan. 15 between 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and Fridays until 4:30. Registration may take place at Welland Vale in St. Catharines Monday through Thursday from noon to 8:30 p.m.

Registrations received after Jan. 15 are subject to a late fee of \$5.

Students to experience Quebec Winter Carnival

Niagara's 13 bilingual tourism students will be going to the Quebec Winter Carnival from Feb. 7 to 14 as a practical work experience, Marie Rennie, tourism instructor, said.

To help pay for accommodation, the students held a garage sale and earned \$150. Miss Rennie said there was a large turn out for the sale which was held Nov. 22 at the home of Yolande Bissonnette, French instructor in the course.

All the items on sale were given to the class by instructors

at Niagara and friends of the students. The only problem was "we did not have enough things to sell," Miss Rennie said.

Raffle tickets brought in \$22. The draw for the raffle will be at noon Jan. 5 for prizes ranging from a \$25 money tree to a polaroid camera and gift certificates, Miss Rennie said.

The trip to Quebec will allow the students to practise the skills learned in their course. All services are free of charge, Miss Rennie said.

Nature inspires Welland artist's work

By ROB ROY
Staff Writer

Some of the simplest forms in nature can be the most touching. These same forms can also be the basis of an artist's inspiration.

Janny Fraser, Welland artist, said she notices the beauty of the natural environment around the Niagara Region probably more than most people here because she was born in another country. She has tried to reproduce her perception of landscapes, trees and nature in this area in many works which are on display in the Hennepin Art Gallery at Niagara College's main campus from Nov. 29 to Dec. 24.

Mrs. Fraser, who came to Canada in 1956 from the Netherlands, is a part-time art instructor at the college and graduated from the Ontario College of Art.

"Much of my work here was inspired by the book, Touch the Earth." Walking through local orchards has intrigued Mrs. Fraser; she admires the colors of the tree branches. She wove a number of branches together and framed them to illustrate their beauty.

Exploring different art media, Mrs. Fraser wanted to relate her experience in drawing and painting to other art forms. She created a grey porcelain sculpture with faces protruding from its base in an effort to convey her transposition. This sculpture is made to hang on the wall as a painting does.

In her sand art, she builds up colored sand particles to create different textures; some resemble land forms, and can be put together to form a collage or left on their own.



JANNY FRASER

Silk is the medium of the Wearable Art and Body Sculpture which she has displayed at art shows in the past year. Before getting into silk art, "I used to work with flax and linen" which created an interest in more wearable art. In this art, a pattern is drawn on the white silk, dye is mixed and used to paint the silk.

Tom Fraser, Janny's husband, a college chemistry teacher and secretary-treasurer at the art gallery here, said his wife has a great interest in native cultures, especially the aborigines of Australia. Mrs. Fraser said these cultures, and the Canadian Indian, together with the natural environment, are the main influences on her art.

Mrs. Fraser has lived in this area since 1970 and has had a number of local shows at Rodman Hall Arts Centre in St. Catharines, Brock University and throughout Ontario. During this time she has won awards such as the Mixed Media Award at Toronto City Hall and the Entre Acte at the Canadian Guild of Crafts.

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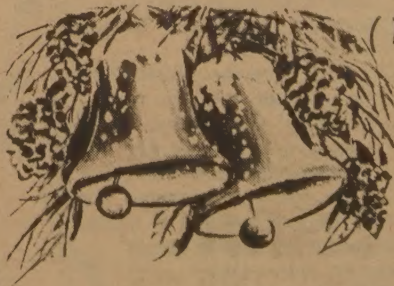
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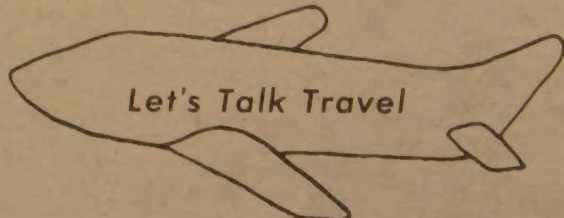
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Students from fine arts, interior design, theatre arts and fashion arts stand on the steps of the Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, after viewing the Turner the Sublime exhibition, Dec. 1.
(Photo by Caygill)

Turner show portrays sublime, phenomenal use of light, detail

By SHEELAGH CAYGILL
Staff Writer

Turner the Sublime — an intriguing title for an art exhibition. For those who have never heard of Joseph Mallord William Turner — probably England's greatest painter — the title doesn't give preconceived ideas about the show.

Yet, for those who know of Turner, it was evident from reviews the exhibits were modest compared to other of his works; but there were few disappointed faces during Niagara College's trip to the Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO), Toronto, Dec. 1.

The exhibition, consisting of "123 water-colors, prints and drawings executed from 1793 to 1845," was said by reviews to be mediocre due to the lack of oils in the show — an area of art for which Turner is especially famous. But the show, divided into categories, was an obvious representation of Turner's great talent and his phenomenal way of dealing with light.

The group, consisting of fine arts, theatre arts, interior design and fashion arts students, was taken to Toronto by faculty members Ken Cosgrove, George Blazetich, David Davies, and Louis Bera. Mr. Cosgrove arranged the trip.

With the group divided into smaller groups, each had a tour guide — one was Beverly Harrison.

Ms. Harrison explained Turner's works and briefly discussed Edmund Burke's philosophy which strongly influenced many of Turner's early works. "The philosophy was one of viewing a painting and being uplifted," Ms. Harrison said.

One category heading stated, "One of the most important phenomena giving rise to sublime thoughts, according to Burke, is 'obscurity.' Darkness suggests danger and thrills us by allowing the imagination free play with terror." As Turner grew older he still attained the effect of light his earlier work

produced but, as a mature artist, he established his own ideas and used color more freely. This transition in Turner's work wasn't shown clearly the way the show was categorized, Mr. Cosgrove said.

"In Turner's time — he lived from 1775 to 1851 — artists loved to categorize, which is why the show is represented as it is," Ms. Harrison said. Although there are many categories, all represent the sublime.

The architectural and religious categories project strong subliminal feelings, while Turner's architectural work displays detailed painting and excellent perspective and the religious art is composed of mainly Gothic cathedrals. In both sections Turner makes the viewer feel wonderment about old buildings.

As an artist who wasn't afraid to try anything new, "Turner was a genius as far as technique went," Ms. Harrison said. He was one of the forerunners with the revolutionary technique of placing one color on top of another and then mopping it up until many colors came through.

An excellent demonstration of this technique is shown in the terrific category. In Turner's day artists picked subjects that would elevate the emotions; from drawings and descriptions Turner produced one of his better known water colors, Eruption of Vesuvius, which AGO reproduced on a poster to commemorate the show.

Known as the father of impressionism, Turner picked night to portray the volcano Vesuvius and the effect is, indeed, terrific. Brilliant flames at the centre of the painting are strongly contrasted by swirls of dark, menacing smoke.

"It was like a fantasy, for the public had never seen anything like this before," Ms. Harrison said. "He scratched away at the paper to produce lightning and because no one had used this technique before, he was considered very exciting."

Contrary to the popular thought of his time, Turner believed his paintings weren't only for the intellectual but for everyone. Consequently, as he grew older, he started to rebuy his work to leave to the British people. Many pieces were kept in the basement of the British Museum and one painting was actually found boarding up a broken window. Fortunately, as impressionism gained recognition, the value of his work was recognized and damaged paintings were restored, Ms. Harrison said.

It is said that Turner's last words were, "The sun is God." Mr. Cosgrove said it is quite possible Turner did say that for, as an artist, he had an obsession with light, space and distance. As he broke away from Burke's philosophy and cared less about what other artists thought of his work, impressionism broke through; this is Turner at his best.

New Sleeping Beauty has audience singing

By ALISON BAILEY
Staff Writer

Audience participation and a humorous approach have brought Sleeping Beauty to life once again.

Playing at the Niagara College Theatre Centre Dec. 9 to 18, the adaptation of the old classic fairytale by Canadian playwright Chris Wiggins sent the full house roaring with laughter and singing along with the cast Dec. 10.

Oohs and ahs rippled through the audience of public and high school students and teachers that afternoon.

"She's gonna get it," a boy said when the Purple Witch — evil, of course — came in contact with the Gallant Prince.

The audience stood up and sang, "Long Live the King," with a cue from the captain of the guards when the King entered the courtyard.

Paul Morgan David gave a stunning performance as the

happy-go-lucky prince carrying a dragon tooth sword and a dragon scale shield. Many princesses would have fallen in love at first sight with the Prince of Calambiria.

James Ridyard, the apprentice elf, displayed his character of a prankster turned honorable, with a smooth flair.

Mother Pink, played by Beverly Kreller, and Brian Vogt, playing the captain of the guards, each brought their character to life moulding themselves to fit the portrayal.

Music, projections and lighting excelled stimulating the imagination and creating an air of expectancy.

With the quality of this Christmas performance, it was no surprise the 15 matinee days were sold out 10 days after it was announced. The only surprise is the new lease on life the playwright gave the classic fairy tale — even for a sophisticated adult taste.

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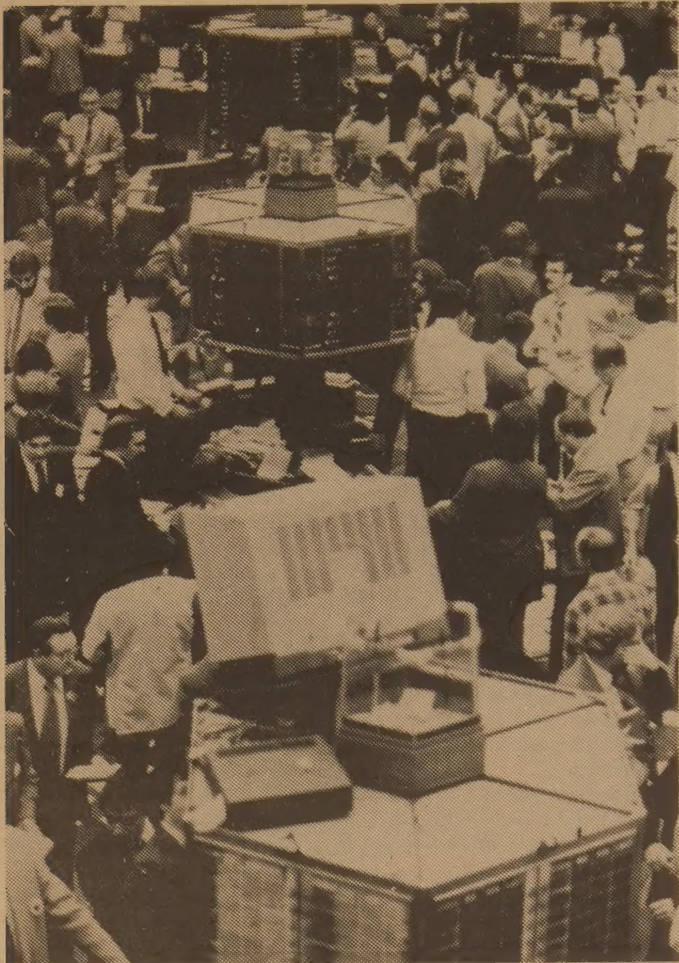
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Stocks and bonds

The Niagara Business Management Association (NBMA) were given the opportunity to witness the apparent chaos of the Toronto Stock Exchange Nov. 28. Students were given a brief explanation of the inner workings of the exchange as well as a chance to view the buying and selling of securities on the floor. The Toronto Stock Exchange is the largest of five others in Canada trading 91 per cent of all shares in Canada. (Photo by Heath)

College grad joins staff

Heather Oakes, 22, a Niagara College graduate, is back at the school, but not as a student. She works out of the Continuing Education Office and is involved in the next Celebrate Canada Festival.

Heather was hired by the college under the Ontario Career Action Program (OCAP) on Nov. 22 "to take some of the pressure off Mrs. Hilyer (Gail Hilyer, festival convener) and the other co-ordinators of the festival," she said.

OCAP is a work experience training program that helps young people acquire practical and marketable skills.

When Heather had no luck job-hunting this summer, the college called her and invited her to a seminar on job hunting. There she learned about OCAP and signed up. She took a one-week training course before being hired by the college.

Heather will work here until Feb. 20, one week after the festival is over.

Her duties include secretarial work and public relations. She "fields questions from the public about the festival," which will be held Feb. 11-12.

"It's not exactly what I want to do but it will help me make job contacts," she said.

She graduated last year from the general college program.

Guilty or innocent? Play examines case

By DOROTHY CLARK
Staff Writer

"Jimmy crack corn and I don't care, Jimmy crack corn and I don't care" — but they did care, the whole country cared.

In 1959 14-year-old Steven Truscott was convicted of the rape and murder of 12-year-old Lynn Harper. And although Steven is alive, his youth was murdered along with Lynn.

When the Erewhon Theatre of Canada presented the play Requiem for a Young Boy to Niagara College on Dec. 4, they took an unusual approach to the story.

Steven frolicked in the warm summer sun singing, "Jimmy crack corn" and kicking a ball, his limber body cutting through the cool water and stretching out beneath the starry night. Like a flash it was gone. He paced a damp, desolate jail cell, his life over when it had barely begun.

ISOLATION

The play was about isolation. "It was not meant to be political, or say whether Steven was guilty or innocent," but to express the suffering and scars that remain etched in their lives, Brian Smith, 34, who played Steven, said.

Even though the play wasn't intended to present conclusions, the audience left with the strong impression that Steven was innocent.

The play did not attempt to reconstruct the case; instead it distorted the facts. "We distorted the case for specific reasons we think are justifiable," Kathryn Popham, 24, who played Lynn, said.

To enhance the mood of isolation the play was built on two monologues rather than dialogue. The characters never talked to each other.

Poetry and music of the time set the atmosphere. The char-

acters flowed from quiet thought to bitter contempt to sheer terror, taking the audience with them.

SYMBOLS

Steven was intrigued by the spider that seemed to weave its web wherever he went. A taunting shadow plagued Lynn's every move and its voice badgered Steven. How could the maple leaf that so nobly flies upon the flag at the same time hide Lynn Harper's decomposed body?

These are a few symbols that are woven throughout the play. During a question period at the end people expressed their opinions on them and no two were the same.

These symbols and a sparse number of props forced the audience to concentrate on the words of the performers. There was a visual and imaginative demand on them. The play depended on a "mindscape as opposed to a landscape." They had to reach the terrain of the mind and heart, evoking thought and feeling. The physical places had to be felt and the performers were responsible for "establishing these realities," Brian said.

Neither Brian nor Kathryn felt their age made any difference. They do physical and vocal warm-ups but, Brian said "the mental state comes with the moment," you can't anticipate it.

Kathryn is from Victoria, B.C., and has been with the Erewhon Theatre for 3½ years. Brian is from the Maritimes and has been with the theatre for about two years.

Requiem for a Young Boy was written by Santo Cervello when he was just 18, one year after Steven's release on parole in 1969.

Steven Truscott, now 35, served 10 years of a life sentence. He is married with children and lives under an assumed name.

Expression in Skelton's poetry

By SUSAN MOORE
Staff Writer

Writing and reading poems is an "expression of emotional difficulties and tension for me," Robin Skelton, British Columbia poet, said at Niagara College.

"One has to come to terms with tricky patches in life, and you have to be honest with yourself," Mr. Skelton told students and teachers Nov. 27. "There is nothing that I don't write about."

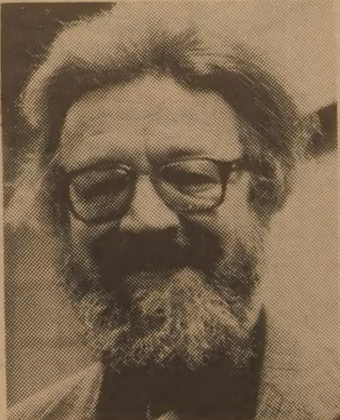
Mr. Skelton is a professor at Victoria University in British Columbia where he teaches creative writing.

One of his main poetic topics is that life is a journey and everything is an experience. Poems usually follow their own direction and you learn an irresponsibility and relax with your mind. It's like a game, he said.

Fascinating limits challenge him; he tries to get past them and once he does they aren't limits anymore.

Mr. Skelton said the real satisfaction he gets from his poetry is private, knowing he made something and made it right. "Poets rarely find people who have read their poetry."

Mr. Skelton said he likes to create space through his poetry and "walk around" what he is trying to say. "Sometimes not saying things is best." Saying things straightforwardly can be crude, but sometimes life can be crude, he said. Sometimes he is confused as to what is real and what is fantasy.



ROBIN SKELTON

At 55, Mr. Skelton has published 65 books of poetry. Some poems take long to write, while others are easier; he said one of his took 20 years to write — he started it the day his son was born and it will be published next year, 24 years later.

Reading poetry is as much for him as for the audience, he said.

His writing direction is towards confusion but the reaction of his audience helps him find his direction.

Sometimes it's important to write an unimportant poem or else the poet becomes inhibited with trying to find a "meaning." But sometimes poems are so perverse they don't tell their meaning.



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Fine arts student Madeleine Fregren works in the life drawing class. The course, taught by Ken Cosgrove, includes some of the finest artists in the peninsula. (Photo by Caygill)

Snowball danger

Although there has been a minimal amount of snowfall so far this year, Niagara College has already registered its first reported accident resulting from snowball throwing.

Marian Kerr, nurse at the college's health centre, said a girl, hit in the eye with a snowball, had to seek medical attention, but, fortunately, her eye was only bruised and not cut. A direct hit in the eye could have caused blood vessels to break.

"If someone is stupid enough to pack ice in a snowball, someone could lose an eye," she said.

Mrs. Kerr said if people must throw snowballs, they should "go off by themselves and use discretion."

There has never been a rash of injuries from snowballs, she said; there were about two or three last year. She said it was fortunate there hadn't been much snow in the past two years.

First union program

A course in union counselling has been taught for the first time at Niagara College this term, Dr. Eric Robinson, chairman of the institute of labor, labor management and co-operative studies, said.

The program, the first of its kind in the peninsula and among the first in Canada, is intended to develop union counsellors who will "recognize problems among co-workers, if at all possible, and to become receptive and supportive," Dr. Robinson said. It is a study of referral and interviewing techniques for lay people and will bring the social worker and the problem together.

The counsellors are trained in credit, crisis, budget and stress counselling. They are also instructed in bankruptcy regulations.

It is an attempt by labor to serve its members in times of heavy lay offs and unemployment, Dr. Robinson said.

The course originated when the Welland and District Labor

Council asked the college to work with the United Way (UW) "to get this thing going," Dr. Robinson said. The UW has offered to support the program financially, but they wish to support it on their own terms.

The program was well received with 16 people being enrolled. There was no advertisement; news of the course was passed by word of mouth.

There are representatives in the course from a few non-union organizations such as the Niagara South Community Legal Service and the Niagara Regional Youth home as well as some of the major labor leaders in the Niagara peninsula.

The program will eventually be "under the wing of the labor council" with the college's only involvement being input into advanced courses and allowing the use of classroom facilities.

"People who become union counsellors will be good community citizens and will be able to assist their neighbors."

Education — labor's friend

Labor unions have been gaining popularity ever since the first craft unions in the 1800s. Angry, unknowledgeable groups of workers tried to force respect, but now the best friend of labor is education.

On Dec. 5 and 6 Niagara College held a labor conference sponsored by the Association of Canadian Community Colleges. People from colleges across the country attended the conference. Workshops were the basis for an exchange of ideas in the labor field.

The educational system has produced ignorant workers. "I can't ever remember being told the importance of the labor movement," David Lee, a United Auto Worker labor leader, said. He attributed this to his "Tory education."

Trust and communication are needed between labor and management, he said. "We have to sit down and be honest with one

another." What can be done is restricted only by the imagination.

Ted Jones, a member of the labor studies division's advisory committee, said that when the programs began, most of the material was British or American.

Mr. Lee said, "One of the most important areas for the future is political organization." He is suspicious of the system; "the people who provide funds are the ones who aren't giving me my equal rights." It is an autocratic form of democracy.

VERY PRACTICAL

The labor movement is a "very practical group." People need to learn the basics like how to talk to one another, and how to listen. However, you can't teach if people aren't willing to learn. The opportunity is there; they must provide their own motivation, Mr. Lee said.

In 1968 Niagara College was a pioneer in the labor studies area, along with Humber. The labor conference was designed to help other colleges learn techniques of setting up and running successful courses at their college.

John Giancarlo, dean of applied arts, said, "The college is proud of our institute of labor and labor management studies." These courses are bringing "harmony between two elements of society."

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Needy project

There is still time for students and staff to contribute food, toys or money to needy families in the Welland area for Christmas.

Students of Niagara's Tourism-Tours and Attractions and Retail Management programs are accepting contributions for a Niagara College Basket Drive.

The project, which started Dec. 8, will continue until Wednesday. Donations are being accepted at the cafeteria, Tecumseh Foyer and Simcoe Foyer from 8.30 to 9.30 a.m. and 12.10 to 1.55 p.m. each day.

Committee discusses safety hazards in college

The importance of a health and safety committee in a workplace and the safety of students and workers was stressed by Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, at the safety committee's first meeting, Dec. 4.

The committee met to discuss terms of reference and recognize

By LIZ PAYNE
Staff Writer

Britain's worst mass-murderer of this century, who police identify as the Yorkshire Ripper, has been in and out of Canadian news for the past five years. Most Canadians are relieved that this vicious killer is an ocean away, but for a Niagara College secretary a recent report on the Yorkshire Ripper came as a shock when she realized the

detective in charge of the case for five years was her cousin, George Oldfield.

Marilyn Beckett, secretary to environmental studies, School of Applied Arts, who hasn't seen her cousin "in about 30 years," was watching the 11 p.m. news one night when the phone rang.

"It was my mother-in-law who really recognized him. She called up and said, 'I think one of your relatives is on TV.'"

Mrs. Beckett, whose father is originally from England, said she has been reading about the case in newspapers and knew her cousin was involved, but didn't realize to what extent.

FRUSTRATING SEARCH

George Oldfield, assistant chief constable of the West Yorkshire police, has led the frustrating search for the Ripper for the past five years. His latest victim, Jacqueline Hill, 20, a Leeds University sociology student, was murdered on Nov. 17. Miss Hill was the first victim in almost 15 months which led many people to believe that the Ripper had either died or stopped his killings.

The latest murder brings the total to 13 with four survivors, and police still don't have a suspect.

Since the first murder, police have received three letters from the Yorkshire Ripper and a two-minute tape — received 17 months ago — promising further

killings. The police have provided a telephone tape for the public to listen to the Ripper's voice and poster-sized reproductions of his handwriting, but no one has been able to identify his voice or his handwriting.

KILLED PROSTITUTE

Police believe the Yorkshire Ripper lives in Leeds, where many of his victims lived. His first victim, a prostitute, was murdered in Leeds Oct. 30, 1975. He began attacking only prostitutes but his recent victims have been middle-class women.

The Ripper's victims are killed by a specific pattern of injuries, reminiscent of Jack the Ripper. Police are reluctant to describe these attacks in detail for fear of copy-cat killings. His trademark leaves little doubt that all 13 murders are the work of one man.

Police failure to find the Ripper has resulted in public pressure for Scotland Yard's murder squad to be called in. Yorkshire police, however, point out that Scotland Yard never caught Jack the Ripper 92 years ago.

The Ripper doesn't attack his victims sexually, suggesting to psychologists that his violence may stem from sexual impotence.

Recently Jim Hobson, West Yorkshire's assistant chief constable, was called in to head a revamped 600-man task force replacing George Oldfield after five long years on the case.



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Advisory committee approves co-op

By BRAD HEATH
Staff Writer

A co-operative education program is being put together for

the industrial management course by Larry Cote, co-operative education co-ordinator, and Edward Zanetti, co-ordinator of industrial management and supervisory management.

The co-operative education program was approved by the advisory committee for the industrial management course on Nov. 17 after a presentation by Mr. Cote outlining the program and possible plans for it.

The program has yet to go to the academic affairs committee, the Board of Governors and the ministry of colleges and universities for approval.

FIRST PLAN

In the first plan, the students would attend school from September until December and from January until June in the second year of the course. The students then go to work experience from July until December. The students return to school for the last four months. This plan allows the students to correct any deficiencies discovered while on work

experience.

In the second plan, the students would attend school from September until December and from January until April in the second year. The students would go on work experience from May until August and return to the college for September through December. The students return to work experience for the last four months of the school year.

This plan allows the students to become employees directly after the work experience is over. The draw-back to this plan is that in the last four months of the third year employers come to the campus to interview students.

The plans deal only with the second and third years because the first year is common for all business administration students, including industrial management, and is therefore an untouchable aspect.

Both plans end in April of the third year since the program cannot be extended, Mr. Cote said. The longer a course is the

lower the enrolment which affects the cost of the course.

ONE PROBLEM

One problem with the co-operative education program is that students are required to be at the college on a specific date so the course can receive funding. It would be difficult to arrange to have the students return to school for one day, Mr. Cote said.

The students will be primarily responsible for getting jobs for the co-operative education program but will receive aid from the program co-ordinator and members of the advisory committee.

On work experience the students have to cover four or five objectives, Mr. Cote said. They must prepare a weekly report for Mr. Zanetti and a comprehensive report at the end of the work experience. Mr. Zanetti would go to the factory after two weeks to check on the students' progress.

Mr. Zanetti said he would like to get next year's second year students out on work experience by next July.

The students would receive guidance and assistance from the college and the employer while on work experience, Mr. Cote said. Wages the students receive would depend on the nature of the position, the location of the company and the company itself. The students do not have to remain in the peninsula; if there are jobs away from the region, the students must go.

Work experience will be mandatory and the contract between the student and the employer must be kept.

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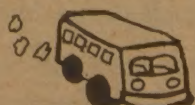
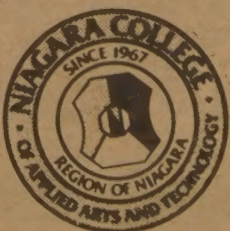
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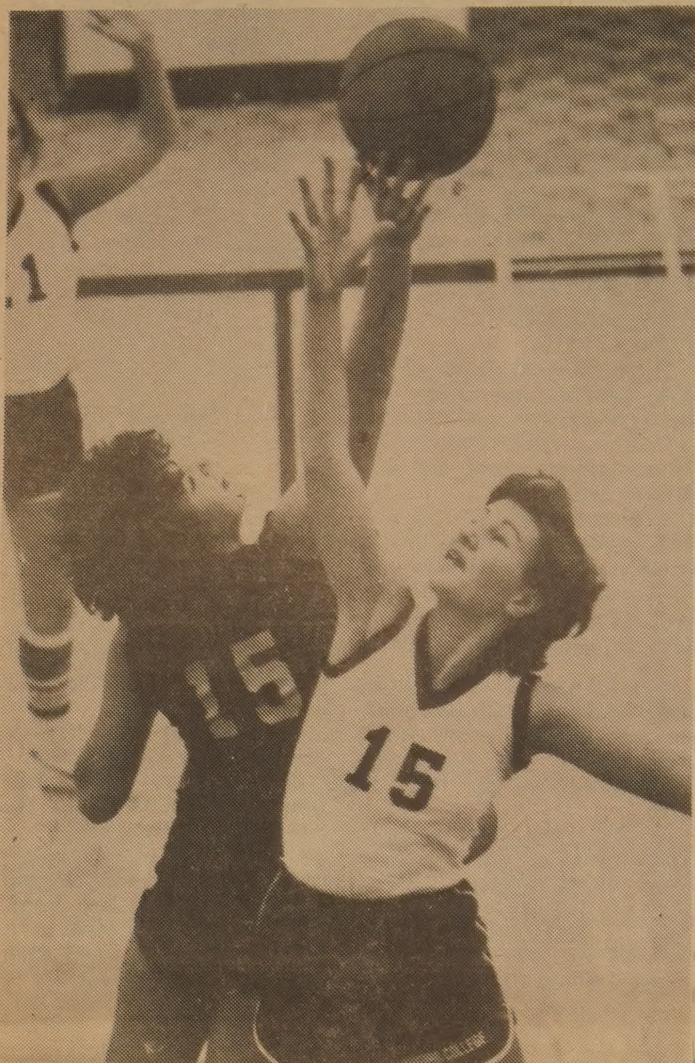
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Betty Vanruyven, right, goes up for a jump-ball against Theresa Goggins of Cambrian College. The women's season came to a halt for the holidays after the Dec. 12 game against Centennial College. The women's team will resume play against Mohawk College on Jan. 22. The men's season came to a close after a 71-62 loss to Sheridan College on Dec. 9. The men re-open their season on Jan. 14 against Conestoga College.

(Photo by Heath)

NC basketball team comes out on top, beats St. Clair

By BRAD HEATH
Staff Writer

The women's basketball team narrowly defeated St. Clair College 55-53 in a game that went down to the final minutes to decide the winner.

"It was a hell of a game," coach Russ Stevenson said. "It was the first game the team put their act together and played like a team. When two of our starters fouled out, the team held together."

The top scorers for Niagara in the Nov. 29 game at the college were Carolyn St. Angelo, 18 points, Betty Vanruyven, nine, Terry Cushman, eight, and Fran Russell, eight. Top scorers for St. Clair were Annette Bondy, 20, Leslie Poisson, eight, and Bonnie Rigney, six.

In the first half, play seemed fairly even for the first three or four minutes before Niagara began to take control. Niagara led for about seven minutes before losing the lead at about the halfway mark of the first half.

A strong defence was the only thing that helped Niagara hold the lead until the 10-minute mark since they went for eight minutes without scoring.

Niagara regained the lead with about two minutes left in the half, but only managed to put three points between themselves and St. Clair before the end of the half.

Niagara opened the scoring in the second half and held the lead until the 12-minute mark. The teams traded the lead three times before Niagara regained it and held it for the rest of the game.

With 11 seconds left, St. Clair had a chance to tie the score with two foul shot attempts, but only scored on one, bringing the score to 54-53 for Niagara.

FOUL SHOT

Niagara put some space between themselves and St. Clair when Carolyn scored a foul shot bringing the score to 55-53 for Niagara.

With five seconds remaining in the game, St. Clair received possession of the ball in their own end and advanced the ball down the court, but the play was stopped when the officials noticed the clock had not been started. The referees awarded St. Clair the ball in Niagara's end with three seconds to play. St. Clair failed to score and Niagara won by a two-point margin.

NC has best game, still loses

In a game coach Dan Radobenko described as "the best game of the year," the men's basketball team lost to St. Clair College 69-47.

The team maintained its composure throughout the Nov. 29 game at the college, Mr. Radobenko said. Turnovers were down one-third from the usual amount and the team's shooting average was 41 per cent, which is good, Mr. Radobenko said.

St. Clair grabbed the lead early in the first minutes of the game and never relinquished it. By the six-minute mark St. Clair had an eight-point lead, and by 12 minutes, Niagara had fallen 15 points behind. But by the end of the half, Niagara was only 10 points behind.

In the second half Niagara came out scoring and pulled within five points of St. Clair, but that was the closest Niagara would get. St. Clair pulled away rapidly and by the end of the game had put a 22-point spread between themselves and Niagara.

Numerous turnovers cost easy baskets

Niagara College's men's basketball team fell to defeat twice at a weekend tournament Dec. 5 and 6.

Niagara lost 81-59 to Cambrian, in Sudbury, and 70-54 against Canadore in North Bay.

Coach Dan Radobenko said the first game was reasonably close but there were numerous turnovers, otherwise the point spread would have been less.

The second game was very similar, with 25 turnovers. These turnovers have been a common problem this year and because of them, "Cambrian came up with some pretty easy

baskets," he said.

Although Niagara didn't win, Coach Radobenko said, "the team deserves credit because they stuck to it and gave 110 per cent of themselves." Only seven of eight players could make the trip to the away games, and Mr. Radobenko said they did the best they could at the games.

Leading scorers for the first game were Dave Patterson with 20, and Harold Ross with 17. Leading scorers for the second game were: Dave Patterson, 26, Bill Hand, nine, and Harold Ross and Todd Stevens, eight points each.

Niagara women triumph, Deterling high scorer

Niagara College's women's basketball team captured a 72-34 win over Cambrian College, in Sudbury, at a weekend tournament Dec. 6.

Leading scorer for Niagara was Cindy Deterling with 17

points, Carolyn St. Angelo a close 16, and Terry Cushman with 12.

Niagara led 33-24 at the end of the first half and by the end of the game had pulled ahead by a 29-point spread.

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Sports Editorial

By ROSEMARY POWELL
Staff Writer

No one can talk enough about the poor turnout of fans at Niagara College's sports events, and I'm not going to try and push the issue. All I can say is, you've missed some good, entertaining events.

Who can we blame? Do college students not enjoy sports or are they just too selfish to give up a Friday night for some school spirit? Sure, you can say Niagara College doesn't have any school spirit because it doesn't have a residence — everyone has to commute. Does no one from Niagara College live in Welland?

The fans can't take the full blame for the lack of participation. What about the could-be athletes?

What about the coaches who devote so much time to a sport only to have fewer and fewer participants turning out each week, finally having to forfeit that sport? Niagara College had some highly dedicated students trying to make a go of rowing this year but either on the day of a race or not long before, someone would decide he or she didn't want to row. The coach can't find someone immediately to fill that seat.

Sure, the coaches can say

they'll try again next year but, if no one says anything now, what will happen next year?

There's still time left to show some school spirit; let's show that we're not just students from 9 to 5.

I told you that I wasn't going to push the issue.

Win some, lose some

The women's basketball team added another victory to their standings Dec. 10 with a convincing 76-44 win over George Brown College.

The week before, the team lost 63-41 against Seneca College in Toronto.

In that game, Niagara forward Carolyn St. Angelo, the game's leading scorer with 17 points, made a strong effort, scoring half of Niagara's points in the first part of the game.

Seneca went into the second half leading by four but pulled away from Niagara with a strong offence, racking up 35 points in the second half to run away with the victory.

High scorer for NC climbs in standings

By ROSEMARY POWELL
Staff Writer

Playing for Niagara College last year, 21-year-old Carolyn St. Angelo was in the top 20 scorers of Ontario colleges. This year she has even more to be proud of — she now ranks third or fourth in the women's standings.

The five-foot five-inch Niagara Falls native started playing basketball in grade 9 at Niagara Falls Collegiate and has devoted most of her time since to enjoying the game.

"I like it because you get to meet students from other colleges," she said.

Carolyn averages about 16 to 17 points a game and, like any athlete, hates to lose.

"If I score 18 points in a game and we lose the game, then it doesn't mean anything to me. If I score 18 points in a game and we win the game, then it's a great accomplishment to me."

Carolyn was able to sum up all her feelings about the basketball team by saying, "You've got to have respect. Not only for the coaches but for the team as well."

"When you have people coming from all over who have never played together, it takes time to get things together," she said. "You're bound to have internal problems, but the team is starting to get together more."

Even though there is good cohesion on the team, Carolyn said there are a lot of girls at Niagara College who have the height to play basketball and who could come out, but don't.

The team has great respect for coach Russ Stevenson and assistant coach Barry Golob, "Russ is like a father to us. Barry is like a brother."



CAROLYN ST. ANGELO

Enjoying all sports, Carolyn coaches a midget softball team in Niagara Falls and this year is planning to start a pitching clinic for the kids.

"I usually hold some sort of clinic each year for the kids."

Last year her team won the League Championship and the Southern Ontario playoffs.

Carolyn likes to play volleyball, hockey, badminton and baseball, but right now is concentrating mainly on basketball.

She graduates this year from social services but would like to come back to the college next year to take Early Childhood Education as she would like to work with children in the future.

"I love kids! It's easy for me to relate to kids — they're so natural, so candid."

If Carolyn does come back to Niagara next year, she's sure to contribute her talents to the Niagara Knights once again.



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Lining it up

Michael Kalapos prepares for shot. Michael was one of twelve curlers representing Niagara College at the Sheridanspiel in Toronto on Dec. 6 and Dec. 7.

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Referees inconsistent: Bassi, Niagara settles for 6-6 tie

By ROSEMARY POWELL
Staff Writer

The Niagara Knights had to settle for a tie against Canisius College on Dec. 5 as the two-man refereeing was inconsistent, coach Fred Bassi said.

"If the refs were more consistent, we could have won the game," Mr. Bassi said. "When you have two referees, they tend to get away from the game. One ref was really good."

Niagara has five points, two behind Canisius, and Mr. Bassi said if they win their next game against Buffalo State on Dec. 13, they will be tied for first.

Niagara started the scoring at the 8.33 mark of the first period on a goal by right winger Rick Alt. Alt scored again, a short-handed goal, at the 13.39 mark

while teammate Jim O'Laughlin was serving a two-minute penalty for high sticking.

Canisius started the scoring in the second period on a power play at the 5.09 mark while Niagara's Jay Horton was serving two minutes for roughing.

CAME RIGHT BACK

Niagara came right back two minutes later on a shot by Jim Voisin to tie the score 3-3.

Canisius got their final goal of the second period once again on a power play while Niagara's Bob Beres was serving a two-minute penalty for tripping. Canisius led 4-3.

Niagara finished the second period with a 5-3 lead by scoring two goals at the 16.40 and 18.18 mark. Bruno Skubel tied the game 4-4 and the go ahead goal

was scored by Niagara's captain Joe Mitchell.

Niagara went ahead by two at the 6.28 mark of the final period on a shorthanded goal by Jim Voisin, his second of the game. Canisius never gave up.

The referees called Niagara's Rick Fortuna for interference at the 10.55 mark and Canisius was able to come within one goal of the visiting Niagara team. Canisius tallied for their final goal of the game at the 17.02 mark, leaving the final score 6-6.

Goalie Dan Nadoe came up with several good saves to keep Niagara in the game. Jim Voisin, who was moved to centre for the game, had a strong game along with captain Joe Mitchell who skated well.

"We played a well disciplined game," Mr. Bassi said.



NC closing in on first place

Curlers each win one game

Niagara College's curling teams, playing in a two-day tournament on Dec. 6 and Dec. 7 in Toronto, each won one game as they came up against some high calibre curlers.

The women placed seventh out of eight teams; the men 10th of 12; and the mixed eighth of 12 at the Sheridan bonspiel.

"We played well and had a good time," coach Bob Young said.

Twelve curlers represented Niagara, each getting a chance to play with a different fellow student. This was to help Mr. Young decide on the varsity teams which will be picked within the next couple of weeks.

In the men's event, Niagara defeated Centennial College 4-3 but were defeated 5-3 by Sheridan College; 6-5 by Mohawk College; and 7-4 by Cambrian College.

Representing the men were: Jim Woodhouse, Michael Kalapos, Dave Smolak, Sam Bahnuk and Paul Beldham.

In the women's event, Niagara defeated Canadore College from North Bay 10-7 but were defeated 13-2 by Centennial College; 10-3 by Sheridan College; and 10-1 by Seneca College.

The women were represented by: Lori Walters, Christine Booth, Carol Sponarski, Wendy Shields, Susan Mailer, Andre

Chandler and Karen Guy.

In the mixed event, Niagara defeated Fanshawe 7-5 but were defeated 5-4 by Seneca; 8-4 by Centennial; and met Fanshawe again but were defeated 6-3.



Brian Fletcher, front left, Jim Woodhouse, Paul Beldham, back left, and Michael Kalapos, were one of four men's teams competing in the Toronto bonspiel Dec. 6 and Dec. 7.

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Landlord, tenant relations integral part of law course

By SHEELAGH CAYGILL
Staff Writer

Although there are many ways of getting a landlord to rectify an unpleasant situation, withholding rent, a frequently used method, is one of the most dangerous things a tenant can do, said Gary McClelland, a St. Catharines lawyer, in a lecture on the landlord and tenant act.

The lectures, part of a series of fall law courses given by the St. Catharines Centennial Public Library, discussed landlord and tenant rights and obligations to one another. Taught by lawyers or other professionals, all the courses were free and open to the public in an effort to better inform the public about law.

Mr. McClelland said if a tenant holds back the rent, the landlord is likely to sue the tenant and it is "a lot easier to prosecute in court than to defend" because proof will be needed to justify withholding rent.

SIMPLE CONTRACT

Usually tenants withhold rent when a landlord refuses to repair property; this often occurs when there is confusion about whose responsibility it is to make repairs and the best way to avoid confusion is to acquire a lease.

"A lease is a simple contract dealing with land," Mr. McClelland said. "Whatever you agree with in the lease is binding unless it runs against the landlord and tenant act."

Two types of leases are available — oral and written. "An oral lease is fast and cheap but it has its disadvantages," Mr. McClelland said. If any topic is not discussed when making a lease or if, following some disagreement among either party, a court case evolves, it is difficult for the tenant to convince the judge his version is correct.

Oral conditions or oral variations of a written lease are not admissible in court, because it is a verifiable record, Mr. McClelland said. Available at any stationery store, a written lease avoids such problems as whose responsibility it is to repair property. It must identify both parties, how much the rent is, commencement of tenancy and, if applicable, the termination date of tenancy. Although a landlord cannot take security deposits against damage, he can request a months rent in advance.

GOOD REPAIR

"Under section 90 of the landlord and tenant act, a landlord must keep the property in a good state of repair, healthy and clean," Mr. McClelland said. If the landlord refuses to make repairs there are options open to the tenant: he can contact city hall for a housing inspector who may, if he thinks necessary, issue a work order enforced by the municipality.

Mr. McClelland said although the landlord must primarily be requested to make repairs to the

property, the tenant can obtain a court order under the landlord and tenant act. In this case a county court judge will authorize the tenant to make repairs and deduct the cost from the rent. The tenant can, of course, do immediate repairs himself "only when urgent" and, once again, deduct the cost from rent.

Finally, based on the landlord's breach of his obligation to make repairs, the tenant can terminate tenancy. "If the landlord does breach laws in the landlord and tenant act, he is liable for a penalty of up to \$2,000," Mr. McClelland said.

ILLEGAL ACTS

Other obligations lawfully attributed to the landlord are the supply of basic utilities — it is illegal for a landlord to cut off heat or hydro — and making property habitable, Mr. McClelland said. The landlord cannot change locks without the tenant's knowledge and, as well as the illegality of entering rented property except in an emergency, he cannot hold a tenant's personal possessions to pay for rent or charge penalties for late rent.

The lectures were made possible by Community Legal Education Ontario (CLEO) which established in 1974, is a non profit organization. In a pamphlet published by CLEO, it states the organization was established primarily to "respond to the needs of the general public for information about the law and the legal process."



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